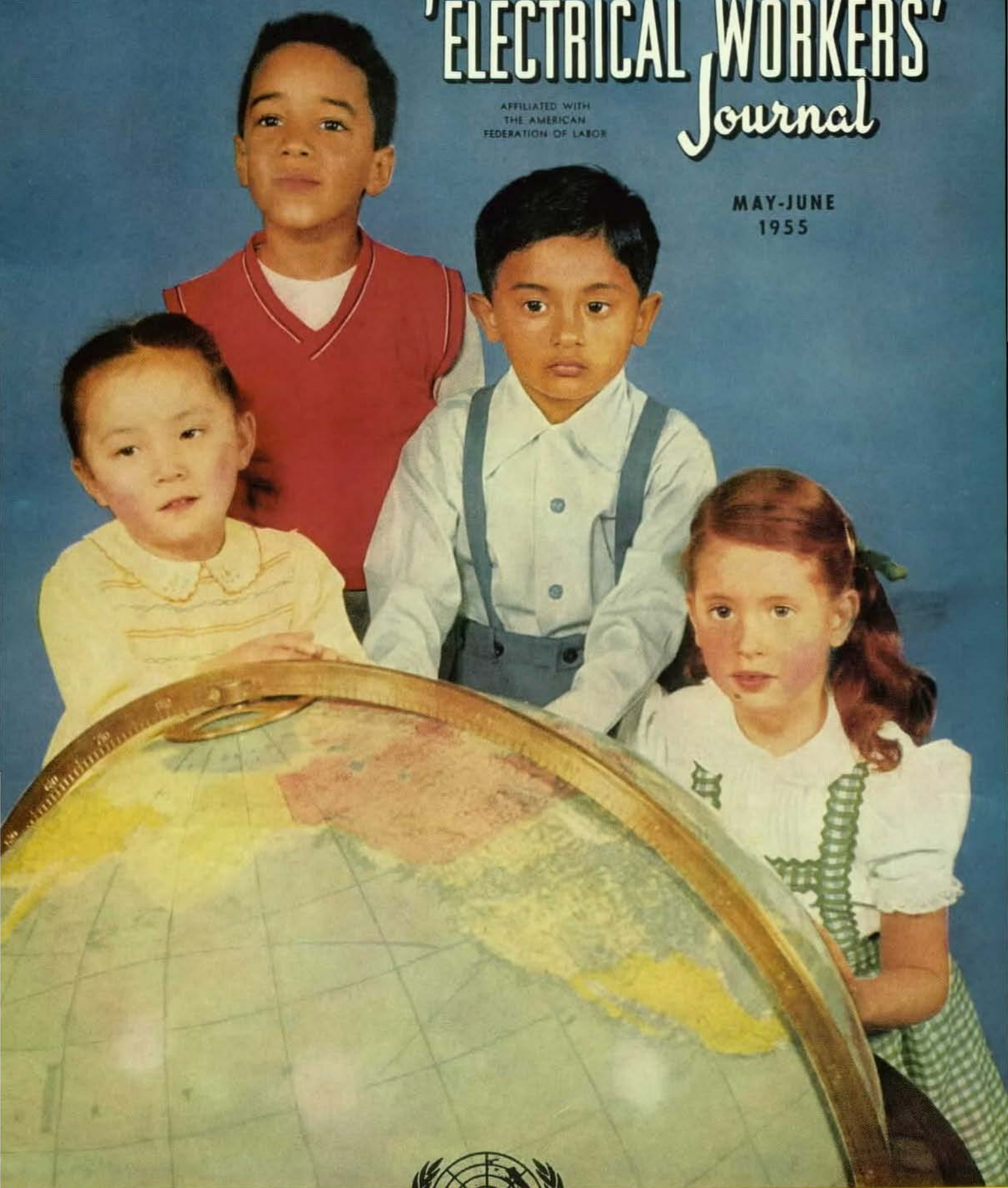


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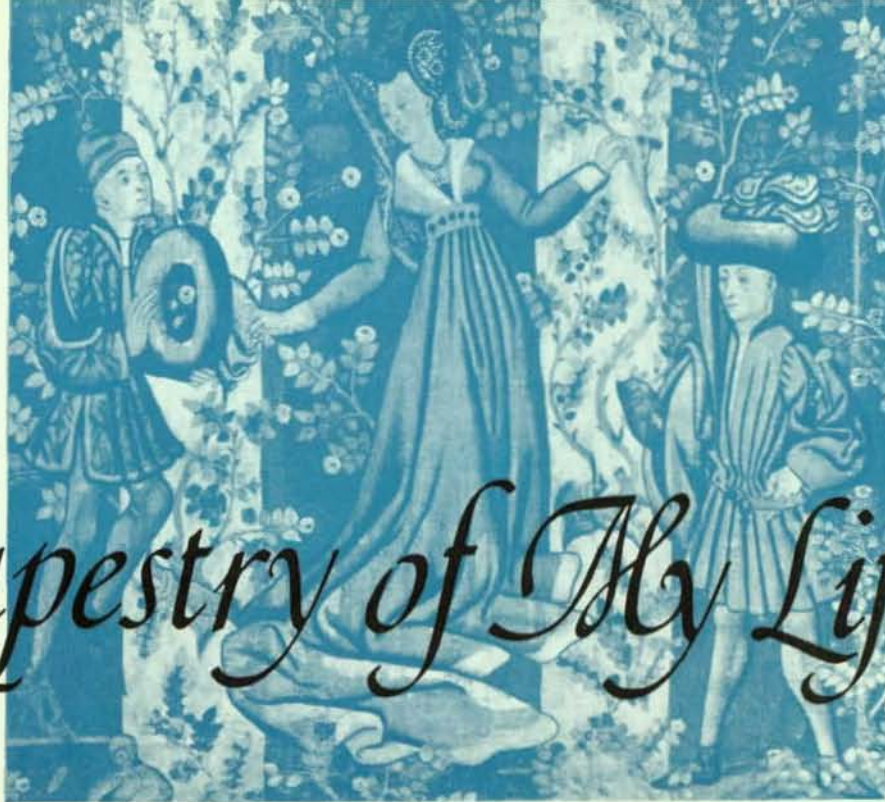
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S tapestry of My Life

I wonder what the other side will be when I have finished weaving all my thread. I do not know the pattern nor the end of this great piece of work which is for me. I only know that I must weave with care the colors that are given me, day by day, and make of them a fabric firm and true, which will be of service for my fellow man. Sometimes these colors are so dark and gray I doubt if there will be one line or trace of beauty there. But all at once there comes a thread of gold or rose so deep that there will always be that one bright spot to cherish or to keep and maybe against its ground of darker hue it will be beautiful!

*T*he warp is held in place by the Master's hand. The Master's mind made the design for me; if I but weave the shuttle to and fro and blend the colors just the best I know, perhaps when it is finished, He will say, "Tis good," and lay it on the footstool of His feet.



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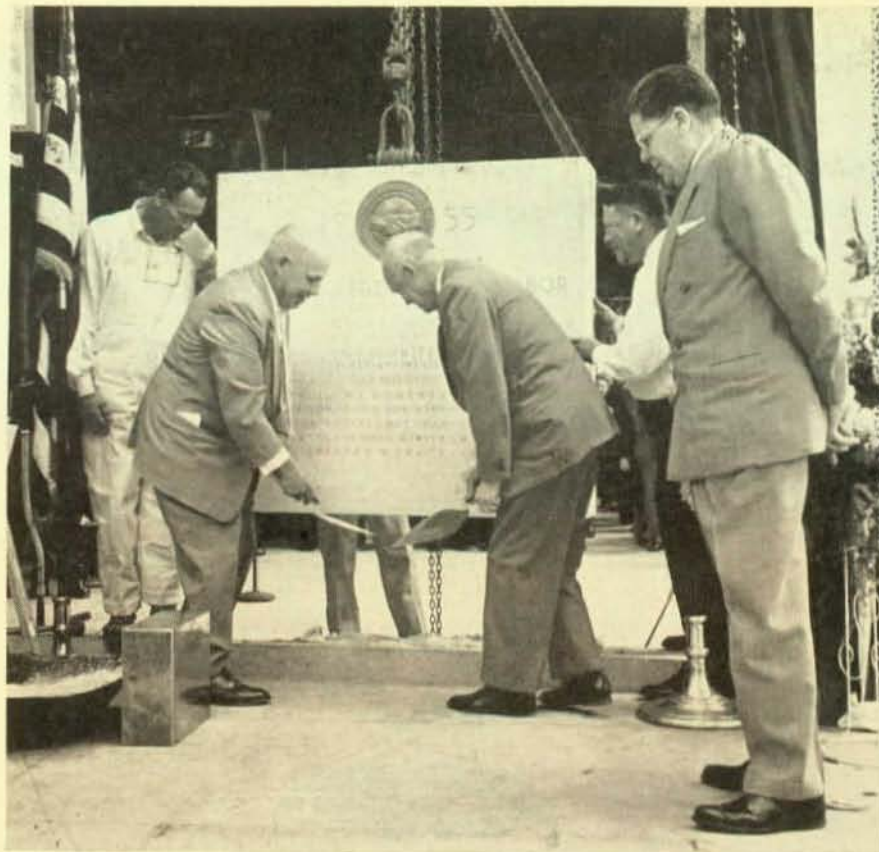
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With ceremonial trowels, American Federation of Labor President George Meany, left, and President Dwight Eisenhower work together putting mortar into place for the cornerstone. Secretary of Labor Mitchell is at right.

"God bless our American institutions. May they grow better day by day."

—SAMUEL GOMPERS

THIS brief saying from the lips of Samuel Gompers was the foreword to the program of the cornerstone laying for American labor's new office building in Washington.

It was apropos for the new home of organized labor will be a fine substantial structure, an institution housing the leaders of American labor and embodying the best hopes and ideals of working people everywhere.

The cornerstone laying was an impressive ceremony witnessed by more than 2,000 persons. President Eisenhower after being presented with an honorary Bricklayers' card, collaborated with AFL President George Meany in placing trowels full of cement under the huge cornerstone as it was moved into place.

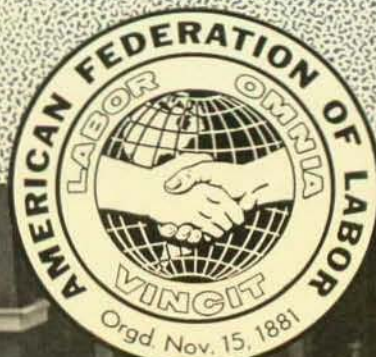
Secretary of Labor James Mitchell was also present for the ceremony as well as many other Government and union dignitaries.

Present with the Executive Council Members of the AFL were many prominent CIO leaders who are looking forward to making this new building their future home also when the merger is completed.

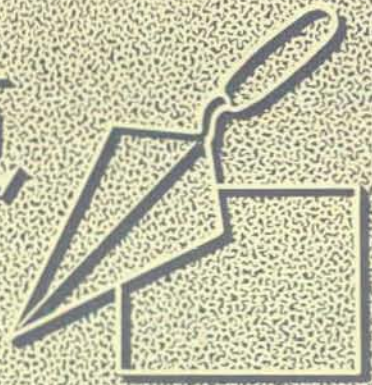
The three-and-a-half-million-dollar, eight-story building is located on 16th Street at H just across Lafayette Park from the White House. Completion date is set at December in time to accommodate the unified AFL and CIO.

In President Eisenhower's address he said, "I certainly appreciate what the labor movement has done for the men and women of America."

President Meany, in his usual forceful, dynamic way, in his remarks pointed out that the trade union movement not only seeks to see that the worker gets a "fair share of the wealth he helps to produce," but that it also "seeks in a broader sphere to make democracy work here in America, to promote economic, social and political policies that will assure freedom and prosperity for all Americans, and to support international



CORNERSTONE IS LAID



policies that will preserve peace without appeasement of the evil forces that threaten the decency and morality of civilization."

There were a number of interesting articles sealed into the cornerstone which some civilization in the far distant future may find and ponder over. Among these were various AFL publications, and proceedings of conventions, the AFL-CIO Merger agreement, a history of the American Labor Movement, a roster of member organizations of the AFL, copy of the legislative achievements of the AFL and in addition to these labor documents, copies of our Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Only one photograph was sealed into the cornerstone. Made by the IBEW official photographer, it was the last group picture in which our President Emeritus Tracy appeared.

More History

The week following the laying of the AFL cornerstone saw additional labor history being made.

The Constitution drawn up to govern the new merged AFL-CIO federation was approved at the Unity Committee meeting on May 2, and was proudly announced in a joint statement issued by AFL President George Meany and CIO President Walter P. Reuther, who said in part:

"The Constitution which the Joint Unity Committee has approved is a forward-looking document, geared to the needs of a



President J. Scott Milne points out items of interest on the cornerstone of the new American Federation of Labor building to International Secretary Joseph Keenan. The stone was set in place in ceremonies April 30.

democratic labor movement conscious of its responsibility to the people of this nation and the free world.

"In the words of this new Constitution, we shall seek the fulfillment of the hopes and aspirations of the American working people through 'democratic processes,' within the framework of our constitutional government and consistent with our institutions and traditions. . . .

"We shall combat resolutely the forces which seek to undermine the democratic institutions of our nation and to enslave the human soul. We shall strive always to

win full respect for the dignity of the human individual whom our unions serve."

The new constitution has been approved by both the AFL and CIO Executive Councils. It now remains to be ratified at their separate conventions in December in New York City, after which the merged unions will meet in joint convention. (December 5, 1955 in New York's 71st Regimental Armory.)

Only the name for the merged organization remains to be decided upon.

The third item of AFL history made just a month ago, is one of personal concern to all members of the IBEW.

In its regular spring meeting, the Executive Council elected our International President J. Scott

Milne, 15th Vice President of the American Federation of Labor to assume the vacancy on the Executive Council created by the death of our President Emeritus Dan Tracy.

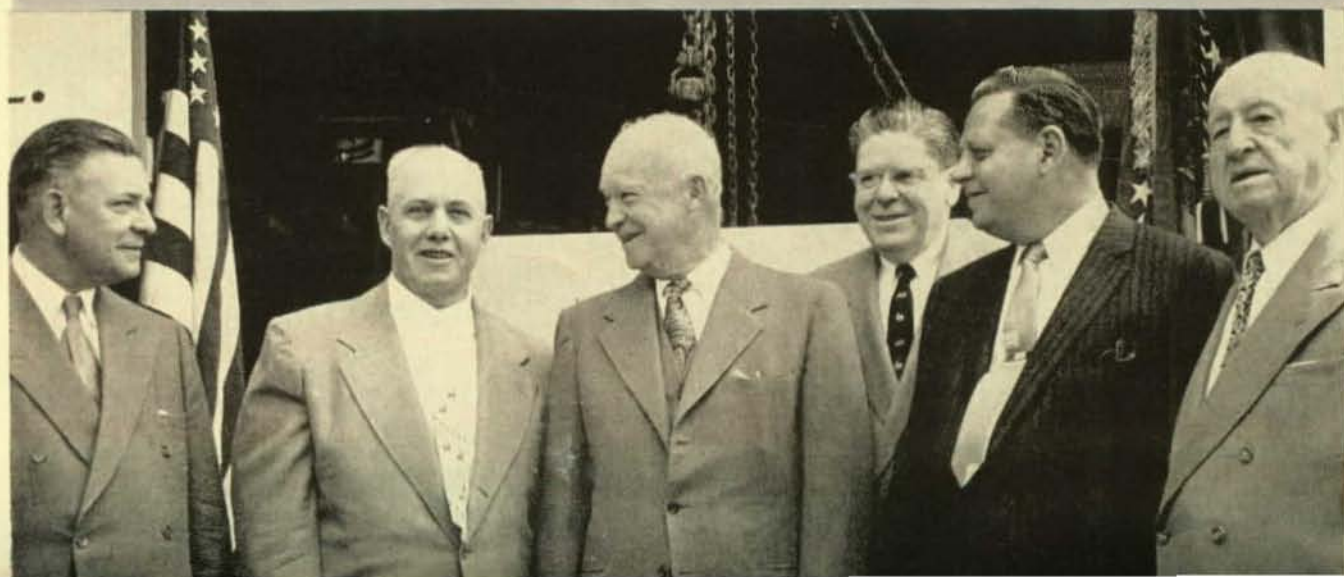
President Milne, in addition to this new position, is a Vice President of the Building Trades Department and of the Metal Trades Department of the AFL.

For a number of years, ever since he became editor of our *ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL*, President Milne has been keenly interested and actively concerned in the work and problems of the labor press, and he is now serving as President of the International Labor Press of America, official organ of the labor press in the United States and Canada.



A. F. of L. Secretary William Schnitzler, left, together with President George Meany, right, point out to International President J. Scott Milne the chair which, as a new member of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L., he will take in sessions.

Posing at the site were, left to right: George Harrison, Railway Clerks' president; AFL President George Meany, President Eisenhower, Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, AFL Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schnitzler and Harry C. Bates, president of the Bricklayers. Site of the new building is a block from White House.





UNITED NATIONS

Anniversary



This woman of French Morocco applies an antibiotic to her son's eyes. The medicine was sent by UNICEF, U.N. International Children's Emergency Fund to fight dread trachoma.

THIS month on June 26, 1955, we celebrate an important anniversary date. For thousands of years, man has made war upon his fellowman, killing, destroying, creating suffering and desolation, and bringing disaster upon himself also, for the bitter game of war knows no real victory, and even those who win, suffer a particular kind of crippling, devastating defeat.

However, through all the centuries that men have waged their battles, there were others, who recognizing the worthlessness, the futility of war, sought a plan whereby men could live in peace and pool their strength to keep that peace.

Many hopes and plans and dreams died aborning, but just 10 years ago on June 26, 1945 one of those plans became "the last best hope on earth," for on that day

in the city of San Francisco, delegates of 50 nations, representing some 1,700,000,000, the great majority of mankind, resolved "to combine our efforts" to make a secure and better world through "an international organization to be known as the United Nations" and signed its charter.

That was 10 years ago. Now in this month of June 1955, the representatives of the same family of nations which now number 60, will return to San Francisco for a week-long session commemorating the courage and faith, hope and determination out of which the United Nations was born.

A decade is not a very long time but these past 10 years have been momentous ones and have seen profound changes in our world situation.

The United Nations has not been the Utopia in a "brave, new



These children in a famine area of India are happy with a life-giving ration of milk made available through the UNICEF.

This Siamese baby will live because the midwife who is holding the scales was trained by a capable UNICEF-equipped health center.



Wasteland becomes productive of food in Jamaica as the specialist from the Food and Agriculture Organization FAO of United Nations explains better rice farming.

Below: an expert from the UN Technical Assistance Administration, has climbed enough in making a geology survey of Nepal to have gone up the heights of Mount Everest fifty times.



In a fight against malaria, UNICEF has provided know-how and spray materials and equipment to 49 nations. During 1955, over 17 million people will, as a result be protected against malarial fever.

New standards of hygiene are being learned in remote Ecuador through the efforts of World Health Organization (WHO) and FAO. This Quito milkmaid and child profit.





This is the midwifery kit which UNICEF has introduced in 27 different countries. It weighs 16 pounds, brings life to millions.

Below: A young Latvian who lost both arms in an air raid in 1941 learns to write with artificial hands with aid of Specialized Agency of the UN.



In the Opera House of San Francisco, from April 25 to June 26, 1945, a group of delegates from 50 nations framed the charter of the United Nations. It became effective October 24, 1945. Photo below shows the scene.



world" that President Roosevelt and so many protagonists of the body hoped that it would be, but it has in the face of severe difficulty settled many differences. Perhaps it has had some failures, but who knows what might have happened in the past 10 years without this stabilizing, hopeful, guiding force. The U.N. has had singular successes. Its Technical Assistance, and World Health and Children's Fund programs alone have more than justified its existence. Someone has said that if only one small country was helped back to the place where its people could begin to help themselves; if only one child were kept from starving, then the founding of the United Nations would not have been in vain.

The United Nations has done much, much more than that. And in spite of the turmoil of the past 10 years, it has grown in stature. It is the one forum in which representatives of 60 nations, both great and small, men of all cultures, creeds, social and political views can be freely heard. Its objectives are the highest to be found in any secular organization on earth—the promotion of peace, justice and human welfare.

The United Nations has pursued its course in devious ways through

its various "organs" and agencies. We cannot review its work in this brief article but we can give examples.

Under the International Trusteeship System, many hundreds of petitions from the Trust Territories have been examined during the past 10 years.

In 1948 the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Later the Human Rights Commission drafted two covenants defining the reaches and boundaries of these rights. Government approval of them will establish international responsibility for the individual on the broadest scale yet achieved.

The International Refugee Organization established in 1946, resettled more than a million refugees, repatriated 73,000 and helped 1,600,000 more.

It seems we have had tension and war ever since World War II ended, but the United Nations Security Council has eased many a delicate situation and settled grave differences without bloodshed. Witness the break of the Berlin blockade in 1949. Other flash wars have been stopped by United Nations intervention and mediation—the arresting of serious fighting in Palestine, for example, in 1949.

The United Nations has played an important part in the efforts of dependent peoples to attain autonomy. One excellent example of this has been the large segment of Africa's dependent peoples who have been helped to full statehood through United Nations effort.

In fulfilling its purpose to maintain international peace, the United Nations took collective action by armed force to stop aggression in Korea. This was the first time in history that military action recommended by an international organization hurled back an aggressor.

The Technical Assistance Administration through its field experts has done a marvelous job of increasing production in underdeveloped countries and in assisting backward nations to help themselves and become self sufficient.

The Food and Agriculture Or-

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Charles E. Wilson, the fifth Secretary of Defense. The National Military Establishment, which he heads, began when the armed forces were combined in 1947. Past Secretaries were Forrestal, Johnson, Marshall and Lovett.

Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens has top administrative position with that portion of the Defense Department devoted to use of forces on land.



Left: Harold E. Talbott is Secretary of the Air Force in the Defense Department of government.



Right: C. S. Thomas is Secretary of the Navy. The three service secretaries are not members of President's cabinet under the present system.



UNITED DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

THE United States Department of Defense has headquarters in the world's largest office building, the Pentagon, situated three miles south of the White House on the Virginia side of the Potomac. From this giant five-storied, five-sided structure completed in 1943, the Secretary of Defense with his assistants, directs activities of more than three million members of the Armed Forces and puts into operation programs on a global scope to maintain military security of the United States.

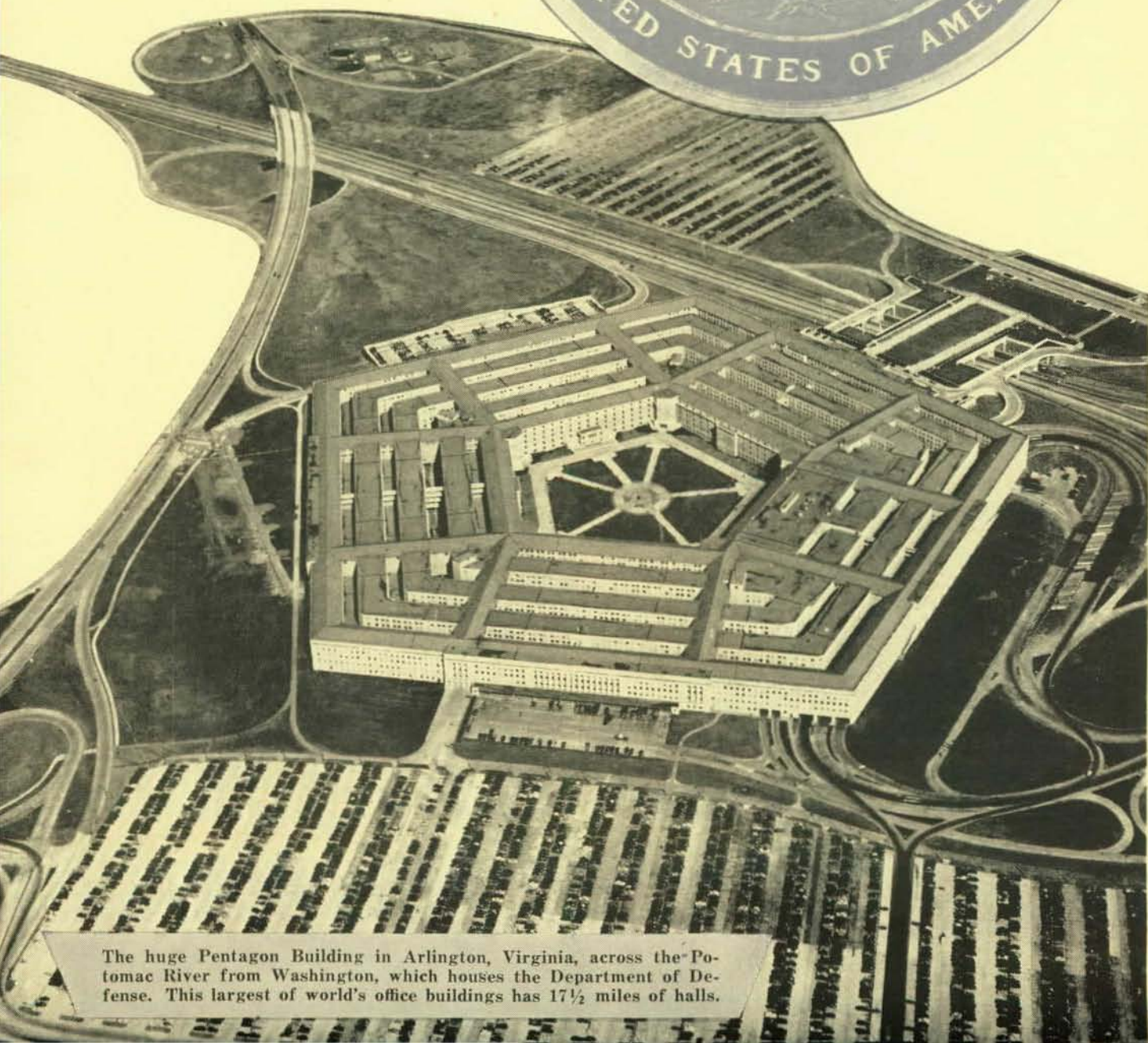
Here in this huge plant with its 17½ miles of corridors are offices of the civilian Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force. Here the Joint Chiefs of Staff of our armed services confer together and with these civilian secretaries in order to recommend plans to the Secretary of Defense to keep our nation and ultimately all free nations secure from aggression.

Here a constant touch is kept on the pulse of every member of the free world, through closely guarded telecon rooms where incoming messages are decoded and flashed on glass screens with outgoing replies appearing on screens beside them. (Four-way conversations can be carried on with places as far separated as capitals of Japan, Germany and England.)

Like a castle city of old, the Pentagon broods over the Potomac holding a whole city of people completely self-sufficient within its walls for eight hours each day. An army of 30,000 civilian and military workers within the Pentagon, in carrying out the routine work

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THIS IS YOUR GOVERNMENT



The huge Pentagon Building in Arlington, Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington, which houses the Department of Defense. This largest of world's office buildings has 17½ miles of halls.



John Adams named Benjamin Stoddert of Maryland first Navy Secretary in 1798.



Last Secretary of Navy and first Secretary of Defense was Hon. James V. Forrestal.



The first Secretary of War was Gen. Henry Knox, named by Pres. Washington in 1789.



Acting as a floating gun emplacement, a U. S. cruiser blasts at North Korean military positions using mighty eight-inch guns during 1950 action.



The shape of things to come is outlined to two machine gunners as the armed forces take part in atomic-bomb tests in Nevada.



A specialist with the tool of his trade is this rifleman as he takes part in a fire fight.

connected with the mammoth Defense Department, put in a busy day of sending and receiving about 155,000 items of mail daily and sending and receiving messages over 20,000 phones connected by 90,000 miles of cable. They have at hand reference service of libraries throughout the building, the main one of which contains more than 300,000 volumes and 1,700 periodicals in all languages.

Then, without leaving the 83-million dollar building, these Defense workers can, on their lunch-hour, eat in any of several cafeterias and snack bars and shop along the concourse in a variety of shops from a drugstore to a department store. They have at

their convenience a railway and airline ticket service, laundry and dry cleaning shop, shoe shine parlor, telegraph office, post office and bank. Then too there is a dispensary and a dental clinic for benefit of Pentagon workers.

Interior temperature of the whole building is controlled by an inside temperature control assisted by electronic cells on the roof. A 78-degree and 50-percent humidity summertime climate and a 75-degree and 30-percent humidity wintertime climate make for improved working conditions while protecting valuable documents.

Emptied of workers at the end of the day, the Pentagon is then closed to all visitors and stringent

security precautions are enforced.

The United States Government has not always had a Department of Defense as such. Originating in 1947 as the National Military Establishment under the National Security Act which put under unified direction the armed forces of the United States, the Department of Defense became an Executive Department of the Government in 1949.

The first Secretary of Defense

was James V. Forrestal (September 1947-March 1949), and it was Secretary Forrestal who accomplished the task of laying foundations for the National Military Establishment.

Previous to this, the idea of placing our armed forces under a unified command had long prevailed in this country. A step in this direction was taken during World War II, when each theater of operation had a single com-

mand with responsibility over all armed forces in his area. And to meet the need of coordinated direction of all armed forces from a central command at the seat of government, the Joint Chiefs of Staff were organized, comprising the Chiefs of the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force. The United States could now plan over-all strategies involving land, sea and air forces on a world-wide basis.

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A camera-equipped B-47, front, goes with a standard jet bomber model on a test flight 45,000 feet in the air.



Marines practicing landing operations get support from fast rocket-carrying planes in a North Carolina exercise.



These Navy Panther jet planes unfold their wings for a bombing raid on a prime North Korean military target.



A Navy 40-mm gun crew performs like a well-oiled piece of precision machinery when enemy aircraft comes within range.

Below: Terrible to behold is the work of a flamethrower who, covered by his team-mates, "mops up" enemy pillboxes.



Above: An Air Force Thunderjet is catapulted into the sky without a take-off run. The booster bottle used is seen below the plane.

Below: Soldiers of this generation practice without casualties the amphibious operation by which so many Pacific isles were stormed during the bloody fighting of World War II.





Referendum In the Offing

On the 20th of June, members of our Executive Council will meet with Representatives of the National Electrical Contractors Association, in a joint meeting, and will hear the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Pension Benefit Trust Fund. At that meeting the officers of the Brotherhood are going to have to give to the officers of the NECA, further evidences of mutual cooperation and good faith on the Pension Fund.

Last year at our annual meeting we assured our employers in the Contractors' Association that we were aware, as they were, of the inequitable situation which exists insofar as the payment of the one percent is concerned. We promised them that we would take steps to remedy the situation. Our Law Committee and our Convention studied the problem and referred it to our Executive Council for action and study.

Brothers and Sisters, so you may know, here is the full picture. We have some 300,000 "A" members who will be eligible for pension some day. Of that number approximately 123,000 are employed by Contractors, all of whom are paying one percent of their gross payroll into the National Electrical Benefit Fund. From this fund, all payments made by our 300,000 "A" members are being matched and placed in our Pension Benefit Trust Fund. What this amounts to is this. There are 177,000 of our "A" members whose employers in utility or telephone or manufacturing or railroads or Radio and TV—wherever they happen to be employed, are going "Scot free" insofar as our pension plan is concerned and our employers in the inside construction field are carrying the full part of the employer burden.

There is nothing just or fair in a situation like this. And it cannot go on. Some of our contractors have already stated that unless something is done by the IBEW to meet this complaint, the NECA will vote to terminate the Employees' Benefit Agreement. They can do this upon 90 days written notice to us.

This, fellow members, would be disastrous to our

Pension Plan. All that we have worked for, so long and so hard through the years, will be wiped out.

Now, we have sought to bring cooperation from employers other than contractors on a voluntary basis. We have had some success. Every month the Newsletters sent to our local unions show the number of employers in Utility and Radio and TV and our other branches who are signing one percent agreements with our Brotherhood.

But not all of them! Not nearly enough of them! And friends here is the sad part. Too often this is the fault of our own members. They will not work to obtain the one percent clause in their contracts. Some employers have been willing to pay into our Pension Fund only to have our own members say they prefer to have the sum added to their wages.

This is a pretty disheartening situation and it is one that has got to stop. This Pension Plan is the responsibility of *all* the members of our Brotherhood—not of the officers, or of a few local unions or some employers, but *all*. And those who will not assume responsibility must be made to assume it. The one percent did not come easily in the agreements in which we have it. It came through work and negotiation and often real sacrifice on the part of our members who "saw it through." These members resent the "free riders," and in justice to them and to our employers, action must be taken.

Therefore, this editorial is by way of warning of things that are to come.

Referenda, assessments, money talk is disagreeable to us all—but what must be done, will be done.

The entire Pension program will be the target of additional careful study at our June Executive Council meeting, but we feel we can say with authority that out of that meeting will come a referendum asking that all employers of "A" members be required to pay the one percent. In the case of all who will not comply, the "A" members then will be forced to pay the \$1.60 now being paid by the contractors, from their own pockets.

This is a rather drastic proposal we know, but it is imperative if our Pension Plan is to survive.

About Responsibility

It is almost a century since a very great man uttered some very great words—words destined to live for as long as we are a nation, as long as there are people to believe in freedom and democracy. We refer to the closing of Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address . . . "that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

All of us desire with all our hearts that freedom and democracy shall not perish from the earth, but shall grow and spread to others. We all want that, but too few of us are willing to do anything about it. We miss those all important words in Lincoln's speech of *and by and for* the people—all the people. The responsibility is ours, not of a few of us, or most of us, *but all of us*.

We've got to do more than sit around and complain about those who are striving in a thousand different ways to destroy the God-given liberty with which America is blessed. These people aren't sitting on the sidelines, they're on the job 24 hours a day, fighting for something which is 100 percent wrong.

It seems that we might spend a little time striving for what is 100 percent right—start working now, before it's too late. But many of us can't even be prodded to vote, or serve on juries or do the everyday things a citizen is expected to do.

In our country, in our community, in our local union, today is the day to start shouldering our fair share of responsibilities, so that freedom and truth and democracy as we know it and love it and want it to continue, shall never perish from the earth.

Speaking of Responsibility

The above editorial brings to mind a reference to one of our local unions, one which has taken a firm step forward in bringing home to its membership their responsibility as citizens.

One of the earmarks of a real democracy is the right of its citizens to trial by jury. Essential to the fairness of that trial are the 12 citizens tried and true who may be counted upon to act with intelligence and justice on the case at hand. Today there are too many who put aside this serious duty of serving on a jury saying they are too busy, or make other excuses, but often financial consideration is the deciding factor in the case. With that in mind then, it was most heartening to read in our "Local Lines" columns this month that one local union, desirous of instilling in its members the importance of this duty of citizenship, has set up a fund for payments to those serving on juries, so that they will be free to answer when called without concern for loss of wages.

We, were we called to trial, would want decent, intelligent, worthy citizens serving to judge the merits in our case. This right which we desire for ourselves, we should most surely desire for others.

We congratulate our members as outstanding ex-

amples of good citizenship and urge others to emulate them.

Unions and Communism

It is not enough today in these days and times that unions merely be "non-Communist." We have seen from past experience that the first target of attack by totalitarian powers is the free trade union movement. When trade unions are destroyed, the first step is taken toward destruction of the basic rights of man. Thus now is the time for unions to become alert to the dangers presented by communism, where it may exist within, and where it does exist without. Since trade unions are the first target of attack, it follows that they should also be the first line of defense in fighting communism or any other "ism" that threatens our free and democratic way of life. Thus no union can afford to be complacent, to be merely non-Communist. It must be actively and militantly anti-Communist. This does not mean we go witch-hunting. It merely means we do not close our eyes to situations which exist because it's easier to ignore them. We investigate and take fair and vigorous action when the facts warrant.

At our last Convention, a declaration was unanimously adopted by our delegates, which declaration was made an integral part of our IBEW Constitution. That declaration pledged us all to "find and expel from our midst any who might attempt to destroy, by subversion, all that we stand for."

We are proud of that declaration which marks the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers not as a non-Communist outfit but as a anti-Communist union.

And while we are on this subject there is a development which has emerged from the coming AFL-CIO merger which gives us all reason to be proud. Under the tentative Constitution drawn up for the merged organization, the Executive Council could by a two-thirds vote suspend any union found to be dominated or substantially influenced by communism or corruption. This suspension could be appealed to the national convention, so any danger of possible injustice would certainly be avoided.

AFL President George Meany recently addressed the Fourth World Congress of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unionists in Vienna, Austria. At that meeting he declared that free labor will never be deterred by reactionary forces who claim that the AFL-CIO merger is a monopoly. A free trade union movement will continue to do what it can for workers everywhere who need help. And the bigger it is and the stronger it is, just that much nearer will be the day when workers all over the world are free and enjoying a fair measure of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" which is the God-given right of all men.

We are proud of our own stand with regard to communism. We are proud of the AFL stand, and the joint AFL-CIO stand. We pledge ourselves and our members to this great cause of freedom.



What about MENTAL

(Another in the JOURNAL'S Health Series. First of two articles.)

"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," portrayed here by Richard Mansfield, is classic fictional study of split personality subject.

EVERY day here in our country we read about the fight being waged against polio and heart disease, and cancer and other crippling diseases which beset our people. Education campaigns are waged and money is raised for research and treatment. This interest is a wonderful thing. We hope it will continue and grow so that more and more people can be

Crying need today in the nation's mental health picture is for more and improved, modern hospitals as the one below.





HEALTH?

helped and lives can be spared.

BUT—there is another crippler that warrants serious attention, those afflicted need intelligent help, research is a crying necessity. And yet this illness is relegated to the background, spoken of in whispers and with shame. We refer to mental illness.

Now there are certain facts that everyone should know about mental illness. First, it is common. According to the United States Public Health Service, it is America's No. 1 health problem. It affects more people than polio, heart disease and cancer combined. Nearly half of all the hospital beds in the country are occupied by victims of mental disorders.

Here are some other facts about mental disorders little known to the average person, *but which should be known*, because people must be made aware of the extent to which mental illness has grown so that they may be better able to cope with it and prevent its onslaught in their own families.

One out of every 10 persons in the United States will at some time or other in his life suffer an emotional disturbance that will interfere with his general well-being.

One out of every 20 persons will develop a mental disorder so serious that he will require hospitalization.

And here's another salient point. Many more persons are potential mental patients. Half of the patients who consult a general practitioner, have symptoms related to emotional disturbances.



Psychoanalyst employs variety of carefully devised tests in his examination. Early diagnosis is vital to successful cure.



Treatment by electric shock waves is one of latest and most successful techniques for restoring the health of mentally ill.

Mental illness, like physical illness, is not one disease but many. It may take the form of a functional psychosis such as schizophrenia or a manic depressive case. "Functional" means that no obvious physical change has caused the disturbance. Or mental breakdown may be brought about by an organic cause such as cerebral arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries in the brain) or senile dementia. These are disorders of old age.

Another important point—mental illness is not necessarily inherited. Often persons are born with a tendency to diabetes but never develop this condition. So it is with mental illness. A person may have a vulnerable mental constitution but under favorable circumstances never develop a mental disorder.

Here is another bit of misinformation about mental illness that should be cleared up.

It does not attack without warning. No single crisis ever brings

on a mental collapse. There have always been numerous warning symptoms preceding the attack.

Now these last two points we mention here are the most important of all.

Mental illness can be treated. In many cases it can be completely cured. Early diagnosis and prompt treatment are most important for rapid, complete cures.

Lastly, mental illness is not a disgrace nor should it be considered so. The sooner people come to realize that mental illness is not a "taint" or reflection on a family, just that much more quickly can more mentally sick people be cured and returned to normal, productive lives.

No one would think of holding a person delirious with pneumonia responsible for his actions, or try to hide them. Why should a mentally ill person be held responsible for what he does and refused help because his illness has settled in his mind, instead of in his lungs, or throat, or heart.

There are many things we should like to do in this brief article on mental health if time and space would permit. They will not, but we should at least like to bring you symptoms regarding mental illness, tell what you should do if mental illness strikes, and third, appeal for understanding of mental illness and urge all to work toward getting better treatment for the mentally ill.

Now first how can you promote mental health in your family and prevent breakdowns?

Mental health begins in childhood. Give your children a lot of love and a sense of real security. You will then have started them on the right road to attaining a mature, balanced mind. As a parent, try to balance the freedom you give your child with an equal amount of responsibility. Cherish your children, yes. But don't possess them completely or smother them.

Now regarding your own mental health and that of the other adults in the family, do all you can *not to be* self-centered. Try not to overwork. Members of the family should have diversified interests. There should be work, yes, but play too. Have a hobby yourself and encourage others in your

family to have hobbies. The home and family should be the center, but for normal life, each member should have a fair share of outside interests.

Now, if there are symptoms of a mental disorder coming on, get medical help at once. Remember that mental breakdowns can be avoided if recognized and treated early enough.

"What are the symptoms?" you ask.

Only a qualified doctor can

diagnose mental illness. However, just as a fever gives warning of physical illness, so do significant, prolonged deviations in a person's normal behavior indicate that a mental or emotional disturbance is on the way.

Here are some of the symptoms. Let it be made very clear, here however, that these symptoms do not *necessarily* indicate mental disturbance but a person exhibiting any of them over a prolonged

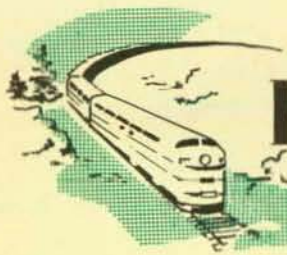
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Hobbies are important outlets for pent-up tensions and can help ward off "crack-ups." This Canadian woman is working on a hooked rug.

Family recreation in which all join in happily is a preferred mental "tonic" for the young and old alike.





RAIL WORKERS' MEETING

A COURSE of courage and co-operation which persisted in a strike of 58 days finally paid off and produced a total victory for members of the I.B.E.W. and their fellow workers of the non-operating railway unions involved in the Louisville and Nashville strike.

This was one of the hardest fought and most bitter strikes in railway labor history, which finally bent a powerful and adamant carrier to submission, after two months of heartbreaking effort and even bloodshed.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad and its subsidiary lines, operates over a network of 14 states. Key issue in the strike was a health and welfare plan. The L. and N. rejected the national program forcing the unions to strike on March 14.

In the weeks that followed the L. and N. used every conceivable means to break the strike. The use of inexperienced personnel to operate trains over tracks not properly maintained, resulted in serious damage for the railroad. Armed strikebreakers shot in the back and killed one striker, a member of the Carmen's Union.

On May 9, faced with a loyal

group of united workmen who remained firm, and watching their makeshift attempts to operate constantly lose effectiveness, the L. and N. agreed to binding arbitration. The 25,000 striking workers immediately returned to their jobs, under agreement that all employees were to be restored to service without discrimination or reprisal, and with seniority and all other rights unimpaired. Attempts were made by the L. and N. to weaken these basic safeguards but were defeated by the unions.

The arbitration award and the subsequent agreement signed by the company, represent a smashing victory for the unions.

Francis J. Robertson, a Washington attorney, who has been an arbitrator in many cases on the railroads and in other industries, arbitrated this case. He ruled that the L. and N. must pay the total cost of an employee health and welfare plan. This was a singular victory because on other railroads, the companies and employees share the costs evenly. Thus the L. and N. becomes the first railroad in the United States to bear the full cost of an insurance plan which may set a pattern for other railroads.

In addition the arbitrator awarded the workers seven paid holidays a year where previously they had had none, longer paid vacations and other gains.

Leaders of the 10 non-operating unions involved in the strike who had accepted arbitration from the beginning, declared all through the strike that they were positive that if their case could be presented fairly, they would win. Their predictions proved correct.

Referee Robertson's findings ran to 23 pages but the reasons for his decision can be summed up in these main points: Rail earnings are on the upgrade and the car-

riers can afford more pay; more and more employers in industry generally are assuming the full cost of health and welfare benefits; and the expressed unwillingness of the L. and N. to compel any employee to contribute to the program.

As indicated above, the pattern of this strike was one of the most unusual in railroad history. The L. and N. from the beginning rejected arbitration. The anti-union campaign it waged was typical of the patterns followed 50 years ago, including use of armed strikebreakers, applications for injunctions and anti-union publicity.

Two factors brought ultimate victory to the strikers. One was the way the operating unions rallied to the cause of the non-ops and respected their picket lines. The other was the sympathetic attitude on the part of the public toward the strikers, a situation unusual in the South.

Now, as a result, from employees denied by their employers health and welfare benefits equal to those granted by every other class one railroad in the nation, the L. and N. employees now enjoy the best plan in the country, best because the company pays all, not just half the cost.

With victory in this strike, our railroad unions are looking forward to getting back to normal operations. Your JOURNAL had planned a covering story and pictures on the 11th Convention of the AFL Railway Employees De-

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J. J. Duffy



Michael J. Fox



THE ROOSEVELT

TEN years ago, an announcement came over the radios of our nation. "Roosevelt is dead," said the voice, and the heart of the nation stood still. To most people the news came as a terrific blow accompanied by a deep sense of personal loss.

In New York a taxi cab driver got out of his cab, sat on the curb and wept. A short-order cook in Philadelphia, hung a sign on his door with the message, "He died," and closed up for the day.

A young sailor stood outside a darkened White House with other mourners, in silence. "I felt as if I knew him," he said to his buddy. "I felt as if he knew me too, and liked me."

People did know Roosevelt, and he knew the people and liked them and wanted to do things for them. And what is more important, he had the great spirit and stamina and personal courage to do the things that had to be done. Some did not like this and among all the persons who loved him for what he did for this country, and for its little people, and for freedom and for the survival of the world, there were also others who hated—who hated him as bitterly as any man has ever been hated. A Chicago banker, for example, who heard the death news and flicked off his radio with a sigh of satisfaction and relief and the comment "Well, thank God, that's over."

For every great crisis in history, there is always a strong leader who will rise, and lead, and show the way. Divine Providence in the infinite design of the universe has seemed to plan it that way. Some men are great for a little while. They decide the crisis of the moment. Others think far ahead for the future. They see the forest and not the trees. They so work



Left: The man who was to be one of the leaders of the free world as an infant in arms of Sara Delano Roosevelt, mother of 32nd U.S. president.



Right: At age of 10 the man who was to become Assistant Secretary of the Navy during his career had a photo made in appropriate costume.



Franklin Roosevelt was a football player during his schooldays at Groton, a preparatory school in Connecticut. He is in white turtle neck in bottom center.



Right: Eleanor and Franklin D. at the time they were engaged in 1903. He was at the time in midst of law studies at Harvard.

Below: Wilson made Roosevelt Asst. Secretary of Navy in 1913 at which time this picture was made. He developed a lifetime interest in naval activities.



STORY



Above: Roosevelt, right, with James Cox, in August, 1920, parade during unsuccessful campaign. He was Vice Presidential nominee when Harding was winner. Exactly one year later to the month Roosevelt was stricken by dread infantile paralysis.



Right: After his defeat Roosevelt entered New York law practice and was an active Democrat. He ran for and was elected as governor of New York in 1928. Photo shows him taking the oath of office. He was reelected to the same state office in 1930.

and live and think and engineer, that when life stops for them, their ideas and ideals still live on, making the world a little better place in which to live. Such a man was Franklin Delano Roosevelt, leader, statesman, politician, the first man ever to be elected to the highest office in our land for a third term and then a fourth.

Ten years ago, the little people of this nation and the world, lost one of the best friends they have ever had, but they did not lose his effectiveness. As a Negro man calmly expressed it to a small crowd of confused people on the day of Roosevelt's funeral: "Don't worry," he said, "he was a great man with great ideas. His plans are made and somebody's gonna carry them out."

And many of Roosevelt's plans and dreams were carried out, great ideas like the United Nations. And so now today, 10 years since he left us, it is appropriate that we pay tribute to President Roosevelt in this magazine of working people, of union members, whom he did so much to help. We of the Electrical Workers are proud to pay this tribute in telling the Roosevelt Story.

The thirty-second President of the United States was born January 30, 1882 at Hyde Park, New York. His father, James Roosevelt was a prosperous business man of



Roosevelt, as the Democratic nominee pleaded to repeal prohibition, defeated Herbert Hoover in the '32 elections. Here they go to inauguration.



One of Roosevelt's diverse interests was stamp collecting. Here he is with two albums.



Roosevelt had great affection for Fala, which was probably the most-travelled dog of all time.

Dutch ancestry, president of the Louisville and Albany Railroad. At the age of 52, a widower with one son, he married beautiful Sara Delano, the daughter of a wealthy importing merchant.

Young Franklin lived at home and was taught by governesses and tutors. At 14, he was sent to Groton where he was manager of the baseball team, a member of the debating team and a highly successful student.

After Groton, Roosevelt attended Harvard where he established a reputation for boundless energy and sociability. He was a member of eight Clubs and editor of the *Crimson*.

After graduation from Harvard in 1904, Roosevelt attended Columbia Law School.

March 17, 1905, was Franklin Roosevelt's wedding day. The President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, came to the wedding and gave the bride away, for she was Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, his niece. The Franklin Roosevelts often liked to recall later, that everybody seemed to forget about them in the excitement of having "Teddy" Roosevelt present.

In the second year of their marriage a daughter, Anna Eleanor, was born to the Roosevelts and
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Left: Famous Yalta conferees were Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin. In rear are Eden, Stettinius and Molotov. Man at far right is Harriman. This was one of five times Roosevelt met and talked with other heads of states as the U.S. grew in role of one of leading world powers.



Above: Probably the last photo made with grandchildren. L. to r., front: Christopher, Ann Sturgis, John Boettiger. Second row: Haven C., Elliott, Jr., Kate and Sara Delano. Third Row: Mrs. Roosevelt, Curtis Boettiger ('Buzzie'), Ann Boettiger ('Sistie'), Wm. Donner, Ruth Chandler, and the President, holding David Boynton, left, and Franklin D. Roosevelt III, right.



Roosevelt's fourth and last inauguration in 1945. Three months later he was dead and Harry Truman, on left in photo above, succeeded him in presidency.



The curtain rings down on his turbulent, historic, life as his funeral cortege moves down Pennsylvania Avenue. He was one of best-loved and most-hated of presidents.



The problems peculiar to the situation confronting the IBEW in the Hawaiian Islands is outlined to members of the fifth class by Walters Eli, I.R. from the Islands.

Fifth IBEW Class Closes Season



Left to right, first row: A. J. Metcalfe, O. Babish, Sol Miller, J. Scott Milne, H. H. Broach, Ed Benz, Clyde W. Harkins. Second row: Harold J. Becker, F. W. Adams, Walters K. Eli, Don Kennard, R. H. Wooden, Andrew Hill, O. E. Johnson, Arthur Houle, Vaughn Rosqvist, J. P. Jones, J. W. Johnson, Clifford Wetchen.

On May 12, the Fifth Class for International Representatives was "graduated" with the customary dinner at Washington's Congressional Country Club. With the completion of this class, "school is out" at the I.O. until September when classes will resume until all staff members have attended.

Members of the Fifth Class were as follows (number after name indicates Vice Presidential District):

A. J. Metcalfe (1); Arthur Houle (2); O. Babish (3); F. W. Adams (4); Andrew Hill (5); O. E. Johnson (5); J. W. Johnson (6); Clifford Wetchen (6); Don Kennard (7); Vaughn Rosqvist (8); R. H. Wooden (9); Walters K. Eli (9); Harold J. Becker (11); Clyde W. Harkins (12); J. P. Jones (12).

In connection with our education program at the International Office, as our staff members attend the school, a Representative from each Vice Presidential District has stayed over for an additional two-week period to become thoroughly familiar with the procedures of the I.O. with regard to Agreements and Bylaws and their approval. These Representatives thus become equipped to handle this particular work in their respective districts.

Response to our Representatives' School has been extremely gratifying and we have been pleased to learn in recent weeks that many of our local unions have inaugurated educational programs for their officers and stewards, and in some cases for their membership. There is continued effort being expended in the Apprenticeship field also, all of which is most important to a growing, changing industry.



International Representatives enrolled in the fifth class of instruction hear legal questions explained by Louis Sherman.



KNOW YOUR INTERNATIONAL STAFF



We continue our photos and brief biographical sketches on our International Officers and Representatives serving our Brotherhood throughout the United States and Canada.



ARTHUR E. EDWARDS
*Vice President
Seventh District*

Brother "Art" Edwards was initiated into L.U. 1141 of Oklahoma City, April 16, 1930. After first serving his local in many offices he was appointed to the staff in January 1940.

In October 1953, Brother Edwards was appointed Vice President succeeding Vice President Ingram, to which post he was unanimously elected at our Chicago Convention.



JOHN J. REGAN
*Vice President
Second District*

Vice President for our New England District, including the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont, is John J. Regan. Brother Regan was initiated into our Brotherhood June 12, 1912 in L.U. 103 of Boston.

He served his local union as business manager and financial secretary for some years prior to his elevation to IBEW Vice President.



HARRY E. EUTENER
International Office

Harry E. Eutener is assigned to the International Office as First Assistant to President Milne. He was initiated into L.U. 1361 of Pekin, Illinois, April 29, 1944, and served as President of his local union prior to his assignment to the I.O. staff. He was appointed a Representative assigned to the Sixth District, December 2, 1954.

Brother Eutener is married and has three sons and a daughter.



JEAN PAUL JONES, SR.
Twelfth District

This southern gentleman with the historic name was initiated into L.U. 175 of Chattanooga, Tennessee January 5, 1938.

His local union experience includes terms as business manager of Locals 175, 450 and 662 and representation as a delegate to the last five conventions.

Brother Jones was appointed to the International Staff and assigned to the Twelfth District, July 1, 1947.



VAUGHN A. ROSQVIST
District Eight

Vaughn A. Rosqvist, known popularly as "Rosie," was initiated into L.U. 1489 of Cheyenne, Wyoming, April 3, 1946, which local union he helped organize.

He served his local in practically every office before his assignment to the I.O. staff, September 10, 1951. Brother Rosqvist inherited a union background. His dad was Secretary-Treasurer of the Idaho State Federation of Labor for 23 years.



T. E. BOBBITT
International Office

T. E. Bobbitt, better known as Jack, is a member of L.U. 317, Huntington, West Virginia. He was initiated February 15, 1940 in L.U. 549 of that city. Prior to his appointment to the I.O. staff in July 1949, he served as business manager of his local.

Brother Bobbitt is an Assistant to President Milne and his particular forte is in the field of Agreements. Jack is married and the father of two daughters.



Wedding Ring: **the** **Band that Binds**



The ring is a predominant item in the symbolism with which the institution of marriage has been endowed through the ages, indicating a new bond now holds the partners.

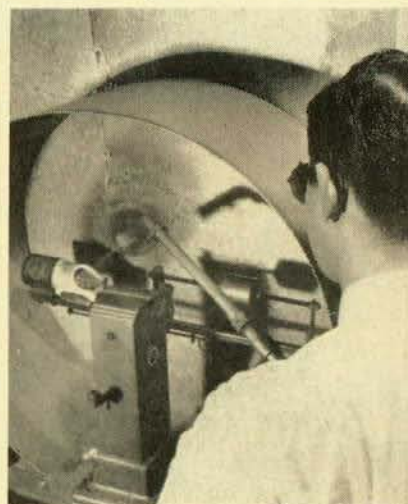
To satisfy desires for individuality in rings, new designs come from the hands of talented artists serving the trade.



Here a worker weighs out proportions of palladium with ruthenium, another of platinum family, to increase durability.

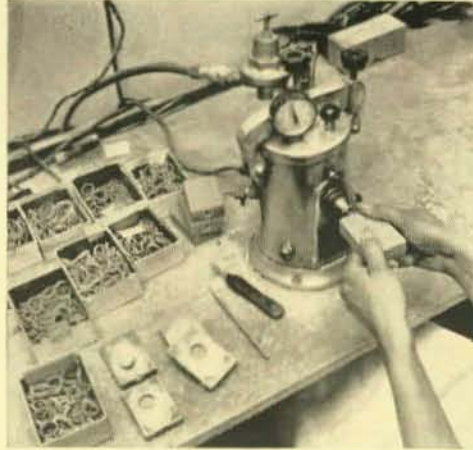


Using an intensely hot flame, the technician here fuses the two metals and produces a durable alloy.





Rings are cast in plaster molds in a process known as the Cellini-lost-wax method. Here mold is sculptured.



Liquid precious metal is whipped by centrifugal force into a mold. Mold forms opened up may be seen at left.



Hot rings in groups from plaster casts are called "trees." A tree here is set out on bench to cool.



A closeup of a "tree" of rings. On bottoms the supports are called "sprues" by workers in the trade.



Using an extremely fine sawblade, a manufacturing jeweler filigrees a wedding ring after it is cast.

SINCE June is wedding month, we thought it might be appropriate to bring to the pages of our JOURNAL a brief story about wedding rings—their origin and how they're made.

The wedding ring is a most important part of the wedding ceremony. The couple to be married may agree to dispense with a best man, or a cake, or a veil but they feel a wedding wouldn't be a wedding without a ring.

This is no new custom. There has been a wedding ring in one form or another since prehistoric times when the prospective bridegroom came courting caveman style. This romeo waited for no engagement ceremony. He merely

watched for an opportune moment and abducted the mate of his choice. Then to mark this woman for his own, he bound a circlet of rushes around her waist.

Through the years of course, there have been many refinements, and a band of precious metal, worn on the third finger, left hand, has been the mode since the days of the early Egyptians, and the first Christians retained the practice.

The precious metals from which the rings of modern times have come, have usually been gold or platinum. However, today, another precious ore related to the platinum family, has come into wide use. We refer to palladium, which aside from its beauty as a

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Some rings are stamped from flat strips of precious metal to make a seamless, sturdy wedding band.



Changing customs: engagement rings once were made of iron but today's girls want gold and diamonds. Generally they get just about what they decide on.



With the Ladies



How's Your Driving?

THIS is the title of a little booklet put out by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and it poses a question that every woman who drives a car should answer fairly and squarely, for two reasons.

First, during the summer months, picnic and vacation time, thousands of persons are going to be killed and more thousands maimed and injured, on the highways of our nation. The National Safety Council already has all the estimated gruesome statistics worked out. So, it behooves every one of us, the driving public, to check over our driving habits and to do all in our power to improve those habits, so that we shall neither become statistics or cause others to become statistics.

They're Against Us

The second reason for checking on our driving habits, is this one. We, by the mere fact that we belong to the female sex, have two strikes against us, insofar as our driving is concerned. We could drive with the skill of an Indianapolis speedway champion,

have half a million driving miles to our credit without a single mishap, and still, in the eyes of the vast majority of the opposite sex, be a "crazy woman driver."

It doesn't do to stand on our laurels that less women drivers are arrested for speeding or are involved in accidents than men. The stock male answer to that one is, "Women cause more men to have accidents." "Taint true"—but as a well-known comedian puts it, "There you are!"

Well, girls, there is one thing I would advocate—that we check up on our driving habits, that we earnestly try to be the best drivers we know how, and then, at least, deep down inside ourselves, we'll have the satisfaction of knowing that despite all remarks to the contrary, we drive as competently and efficiently as men.

Speeding

Here are some pointers to be checked. We won't spend much time on speeding. It is a well-known fact that speeding is the No. 1 cause of accidents today. Any time we exceed set speed limits or drive at a speed under existing road, weather or traffic conditions, at which in an emergency, we may not be able to stop before striking a person or running into something, we're driving too fast. So we just say, first and foremost—watch your speed.

The "Sunday Driver"

Now by the same token, don't dawdle. The dawdler causes accidents, many accidents. Practice keeping to the right except when making a left turn or overtaking a car going in the same direction. The gal who drives her own slow pace in the fast lane of traffic, is a menace and deserves the worst things that can be said about her.

The next point to check on is, "Do you keep your distance?" Don't follow the preceding car too closely and be faced with the predicament when

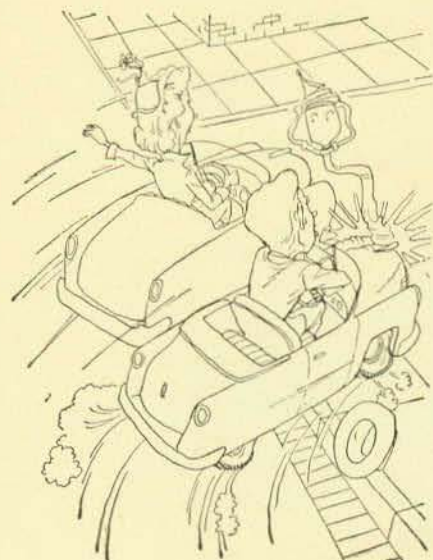
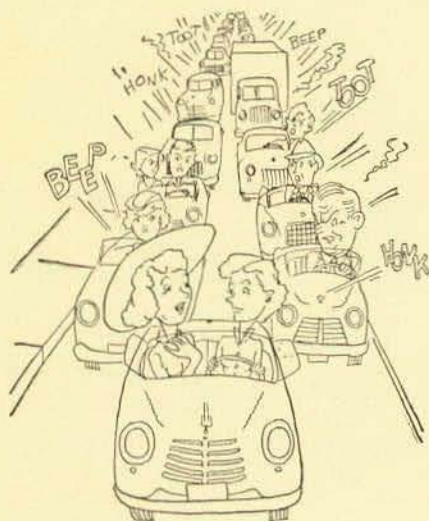
the car ahead stops suddenly, of deciding whether to ram it or take the ditch. A good rule to follow for distance, is one car length for every 10 miles per hour of speed. For example, if you're doing 50, you should have five car lengths between you and the car ahead. That will give you time to slow down and give the motorist behind you a signal in case of a change in pace.

Watch Those Turns

Next—how are your turns?

The lady who doesn't know what she wants to do when she comes to an intersection, the one who makes a left turn from the right lane and a right turn from the left lane, is no lady and should have the book thrown at her. Make up your mind before you hit the intersection, get in the correct position and give a proper signal. Lady, that's driving!

Remember those old tried and true rules about not passing on hills and curves? They're as good today as they were in the Model T days when



they were formulated. And they're still the answer to how not to have a head-on collision.

Now about night-driving. The sane driver slows down as darkness approaches. Are you a sane driver? Don't forget to keep your windshield clean and to lower your headlights to keep from blinding oncoming motorists who will then be less likely to run into you.

On the Skids

Skids are the big bugaboo to women drivers. The men say we lose our heads in a skid. They're often right. Here's how not to.



When driving on ice and snow, use chains. Try your brakes on a slippery surface at about 10 miles an hour. If the car tends to skid at this speed, drive slowly and in a lower gear if necessary. Be on guard—ready to act quickly if a skid develops. Keep out of situations which require quick stopping. Give ample room to the car ahead, and begin slowing down at some distance from the spot where you wish to stop. When beginning to stop, press your brake lightly and release almost at once. Press again lightly, release quickly and repeat. This is the easy way to stop without skidding. If your car should start to skid, take your foot off the gas but don't jam on the brakes—leave the car in gear and turn the steering wheel in the direction in which the rear end is skidding. And, lady—keep your head!

That's all the space we have for now. Check these and remember always to keep your car in shape—brakes, tires, lights, wheel alignment, steering gear, battery, all in good condition.

Come on, girls, let's show those men how really good those "crazy women drivers" are!

See you next month.

These Recipes are Cool-Cool-Cool

COME summertime and our parched throats long for cold desserts and party treats that are cool and refreshing. And in the be-bop jargon of today, these recipes are "cool, man, cool!"

ORANGE FREEZE

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| 1½ cups evaporated milk | 2 tablespoons lemon juice |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 medium orange |
| ⅛ teaspoon salt | 2 large bottles chilled orange soda |
| 1 tablespoon grated orange rind | 8 maraschino cherries |
| ½ cup orange juice | 4 sprigs mint |

Mix milk, sugar, salt together. Cook, stirring constantly, until sugar is completely dissolved. Stir in orange rind and juice, and lemon juice. Pour into a deep refrigerator tray. Freeze until a hard mush. Remove to chilled bowl and beat until smooth and light but not melted. Return to tray, and freeze until firm. When ready to serve, wash orange and cut into four slices. Fill 4 tall glasses, ¾ full with orange soda. Add an orange slice and two cherries to each glass. Use an ice cream scoop or a tablespoon and add a generous ball or several tablespoons orange sherbet to each glass. Top with mint sprig and serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

COCOANUT FROZEN DELIGHT

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| 1 (4 oz.) can shredded cocoanut | 1½ cups sugar |
| ¾ cup instant nonfat dry milk | ½ teaspoon almond extract |
| 4 cups water | 2 egg whites |

Set refrigerator control at coldest point. Chop the cocoanut fine. Mix dry milk powder, water, sugar, cocoanut, almond flavoring. Pour into three refrigerator trays. Freeze until firm. Turn into large bowl and break into pieces. Beat until smooth but not melted. Beat egg whites until stiff enough to hold sharp peaks. Stir into beaten frozen mixture. Pour back into trays and freeze until firm. Makes 2½ quarts.

EVE'S PARFAIT

(Made with apples and really a temptation)

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| 3 tablespoons pecans | ¼ teaspoon cinnamon |
| 2 cups canned applesauce | 1 pint pineapple sherbet |
| ¼ cup light brown sugar | |

Chop nuts fine. Mix applesauce, sugar, cinnamon, and chopped nuts. Chill. Just before serving, spoon alternate layers of applesauce mixture and pineapple sherbet in parfait glasses. Makes 4-6 servings.

STRAWBERRY MOUSSE

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| 1 12-oz. package thawed frozen sliced strawberries | ¼ teaspoon salt |
| 1 teaspoon fresh, frozen or canned lemon juice | 2 egg whites |
| | 1½ cups heavy cream |

Turn temperature control of refrigerator to coldest setting. Press strawberries through strainer. Add lemon juice, salt. Beat egg whites till they form soft peaks; fold into berries. Whip cream; fold into berry mixture. Pour into freezing tray; freeze until just firm, stirring once. Then reset temperature control.

BUTTERCRUNCH ICE CREAM

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| ¼ cup butter | ½ cup chopped nuts |
| 2 cups Wheaties | 1 qt. vanilla ice cream |
| 6 tbsp. brown sugar | |

Cook butter and brown sugar until thick and smooth, stirring constantly. Blend in Wheaties and nuts. Spread in thin layer on baking sheet. When cool, crumble. Stir into softened ice cream; chill until firm in tray of refrigerator. 6 servings.

Roosevelt Story

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soon after a son, James. In that same year, 1907, Roosevelt passed the Bar exam and began practice with Carter, Ledyard and Milburn, a prominent New York law firm.

While practicing law in New York City, Roosevelt spent much time at Hyde Park managing the 600-acre estate and entering into many community activities and civic projects. Thus early in his life there was a prediction of things to come. Local Democrats urged him to run for State Senator. Even then, Roosevelt liked a good fight. His running for office on the Democratic ticket seemed completely futile in a staunch Republican district, but he campaigned for all he was worth and to the complete surprise of everyone, won the election by a substantial majority.

Shortly after he went to Albany, Roosevelt had his first fight with Tammany Hall. In 1912 he had decided not to run for a second term, but finding out that Tammany wanted to get rid of him, he campaigned again and won by an even greater majority.

In that same year, 1912, Roosevelt went to the national Democratic Convention, determined to get Woodrow Wilson in. His great success in organization and campaigning, put him in line for a good job in the new Administration once Wilson was elected. Several jobs were offered him but the one that appealed to Roosevelt was Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Roosevelt did a tremendous job in this post. He believed in "preparedness" and estimated long before the United States entered the First World War what supplies would be needed. He placed contracts, turned run-down Navy yards into productive, self-supporting specialized plants. He instituted naval reforms, cut out red tape procedures and quashed profiteering. He did so well that the story goes that President Wilson called him in one day to confer with the Army Chief of staff. "I'm sorry, Franklin," Wilson is reported to have said, "But you've

cornered the market for supplies. You'll have to divide up with the Army."

When the United States entered the War, Roosevelt helped build housing projects, fought for the construction of submarine chasers and generally helped to break the back of submarine warfare.

In 1919 he went to Europe to take charge of liquidating the huge Navy stores in warehouses there.

In 1920, Roosevelt returned to politics. In 1914 he had tried for a major position—the Democratic nomination for United States Senator from New York and lost. Now he aimed at a higher position, Vice-Presidency of the United States on the ticket with James M. Cox. This campaign resulted only in a crushing defeat.

Another blow was to follow in Roosevelt's life shortly after. By now Roosevelt had five children. Elliott, Franklin Delano Jr. and John had been born and the interest on his father's \$100,000 estate wasn't enough to give the children the advantages he wanted them to have. He became Vice President of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland at a salary of \$25,000 a year. He was active in all sorts of ways—in the Boy Scout Movement, in the affairs of Harvard, in community projects.

Then in the summer of 1921, Roosevelt was stricken with infantile paralysis, which crippled his body for the rest of his life—but not his spirit. To other men, this blow might have meant the end of life but not to Roosevelt. No man ever fought harder for recovery. He not only won mastery over disease but mastery over himself. It took three years for him to learn to walk again on crutches, but he did it and in 1924 went to the Democratic National Convention and placed Al Smith's name in nomination.

By 1928 he walked with braces and canes, could ride a horse and drive a specially designed car.

In that year, on the insistence of Al Smith, Roosevelt ran for Governor of New York State. He was elected by a majority of 25,564 votes while Al Smith lost the state in his Presidential campaign by 100,000.

Roosevelt from the beginning of the two terms he served as Governor instituted a program of "social justice for the workers and the poor." He fought a Republican legislature for old age pensions, state unemployment insurance, prison reform, labor legislation. Some of these he was successful in obtaining and some he could not push through.

In 1932, in the height of the depression, came Roosevelt's and America's day of destiny. He was nominated in Chicago as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency. He campaigned all over the country. He stood for the rights of the "forgotten man," and promised the people a "New Deal." And when the votes were counted he was elected over Hoover by a plurality of 413 electoral votes.

Roosevelt came into office at one of the most crucial points in our history. Business was at a standstill. Millions were unemployed. Banks were failing. Thousands were starving and men stood on street corners and sold apples or queued up in bread lines for food enough to keep body and soul together.

In his inauguration address, the new President brought hope to the hearts of millions when he stood on the steps of the Capitol and said firmly and clearly, "The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself," and the dark moment of the present held a bright promise for the future.

But President Roosevelt, who had a way with words which will not soon be equaled, also was a man of deeds.

Two days after his inauguration he closed every bank in the country and set up an examining committee in the Treasury Department which arranged to open only those found to be "sound."

Then he went to the Congress of the United States and presented one important bill after another—bills "to adapt existing economic organizations to the service of the people."

Many of our readers will recall what happened. We of organized labor will never forget the service that the 32nd President of the United States performed in our

behalf and that of all the people of our nation.

Congress remained in session for 104 days in the spring of 1933. Those 104 days saw major legislation promulgated by Roosevelt, and passed by Congress, that has seen no parallel in history and most likely never will again.

From this session of Congress came the Agricultural Adjustment Act, the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Securities Act of 1933, the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, the Farm Relief Act, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, the Emergency Railroad Transportation Act, the Public Works Administration, the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Federal Surplus Relief Corporation, and the National Industrial Recovery Act.

From these measures which came to be known as "alphabet soup" came recovery and new life for the people of this nation. It was the NRA, which perhaps had the greatest effect on the public. Among other things it brought about a guarantee of labor's right to collective bargaining, regulated competition, improved wages and shortened hours and increased purchasing power.

There were those who fought against the things that Roosevelt was trying to do, but he would not be deterred in his aim to establish a fairer order that "would give every man, woman and child the right to stand erect in pride and self respect."

Space will not permit us to tell of all the events that occurred in those most eventful years.

In 1936 Roosevelt defeated Landon for office and pledged himself to continue to fight the grave problems of the day. On January 20, 1937 when once more he stood on the Capitol steps and spoke to the people of the nation who had elected him, he continued his message of hope:

"I see one-third of the nation ill-housed, ill clad, ill nourished. It is not in despair that I paint you that picture. I paint it for you in hope—because the nation, seeing and understanding the in-

justice of it, proposes to paint it out."

The next years were stormy ones. There was the Supreme Court fight, party splits, the accusations of dictatorship. Nevertheless, in spite of criticism and considerable lack of support in Congress, Roosevelt somehow managed to continue to get important social legislation passed. The years of the 30's were good ones for labor. In 1935 the National Labor Relations Act was passed which gave labor the right to organize and bargain collectively, and also the Social Security Act went on the legislative roster of our nation. Then in 1938 labor reached another goal in having the Fair Labor Standards Act setting a minimum on wages and a maximum on hours passed.

The last chapter in the Roosevelt Story is perhaps the greatest—the war years in Europe, our preparations, the Selective Service Act. In the face of war and the country's need, Roosevelt decided to run for an unprecedented third term. Some persons, including Wendell Wilkie, the Republican Candidate, said we were headed for a totalitarian government, but the people of the United States had more faith in their democratic system, and returned Roosevelt to office by a margin of five million votes.

In his third inaugural address, Roosevelt continued the philosophical theme which had characterized his previous two terms of office: "The life of a nation is the

fullness of the measure of its will to live."

That will to live was to stand the American people in good stead in the months and years ahead, for Pearl Harbor was in the offing.

On January 6, 1941, President Roosevelt made his famous "Four Freedoms" speech and proposed that America be made the "Arsenal of Democracy" for a free world.

In May, 1941 the President proclaimed an unlimited national emergency. In August he met Winston Churchill at sea to draw up eight peace aims, which became known as "the Atlantic Charter."

There was a storm of disapproval by those opposed to the United States intervention in the European War, but the isolationist attack was silenced December 7, 1941 when the Japanese bombs fell on Pearl Harbor.

With the declaration of war in the hushed chambers of the jammed House of Representatives on December 8, 1941, the President, while telling the people the grave facts, had ever in mind the ultimate goal, the promise of peace. He said "With confidence in our armed forces—with unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph, so help us God."

We will long recall those fitful war years, but we may be grateful that we had a President who was both a leader and an inspiration. The men in the armed forces loved him and he loved them. When he

Welcome To N.J. Telephone Workers

We are proud to announce that in a referendum vote, concluded May 17, the independent union of the New Jersey Telephone Workers, throughout its 21 local unions, voted four to one to affiliate with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Prior to the vote, Representatives of the IBEW and representatives of the CWA-CIO, were invited to meet with representatives of the independent union and subsequently address their convention and answer questions.

This vote brings some 7,500 new telephone workers into the IBEW fold, to whom we bid a hearty welcome.

The Brotherhood is now in the process of opening a new office in Philadelphia with Representative Morris D. Murphy in charge, to organize and service other independent telephone workers.

turned up at Casablanca for the War Conference there, one shocked youngster in the front line gasped, "It's the old man, himself, God bless him!"

Following Casablanca, came Teheran and the plans for unconditional surrender.

Roosevelt campaigned a fourth time, determined to see his nation through the war. When the votes were counted Roosevelt had 432 electoral votes to Dewey's 99. At his last inaugural Roosevelt indicated his wish, and plan for peace, and the new world ahead, when he said, "We have learned at fearful cost that we must be members of the human community."

Roosevelt was not to see his dream of peace, his ideal of a United Nations come true.

In February he attended the Crimean Conference, the renowned Yalta. On March 1, 1945 he reported to a joint session of Congress on the deliberations of that Conference. He announced that the Conference of the United Nations would meet in San Francisco on April 25. He said with great emphasis:

"We shall have to take the responsibility for world collaboration, or we shall have to bear the responsibility for another world conflict."

Six weeks later the President was dead. He slipped away quickly while signing papers at his little cottage in Warm Springs, Georgia.

He was gone and a world was stunned. It seemed he should be back on the radio in one of his famous fireside chats, reassuring the nation, telling them it was all a mistake. But no, the President, the great leader, politician, humanitarian, internationalist, was gone. Gone from the earth but not from the minds of the people who loved him deeply, or hated him bitterly. His voice was stilled, his pen and his active mind, but as long as there is an America, his memory will live on in the institutions and ideas he created, in the ideals he propounded and in the hearts of the people—all people—whom he truly loved and tried to help.

United Nations

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ganization founded in 1945 was organized by the U. N. to help nations raise standards of living, improve nutrition of the people of all countries, increase the efficiency of farming, forestry and fisheries and widen the opportunity of all people for production work. It has done an outstanding job. Through its work, more people are getting enough to eat than ever before.

There are 200 million children of school age in the world today for whom no schools exist. Through UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) and its work in teacher training, school finance, text book production etc., the ultimate goal of free schooling for all is coming just a little nearer every day.

The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development which has 56 member countries, has made loan commitments of about two billion dollars for projects designed to increase production and raise living standards and bring about a better balance in world trade.

The World Health Organization came into being in 1948. In the few years of its existence it has helped scores of countries to save and strengthen the lives of millions. It has given assistance and advice on a worldwide scale from the cold wastes of Alaska to the jungles of the Congo, in fields ranging from surgery to sanitation with regard for every kind of known disease and some new ones.

The United Nations Children's Fund is one of the most appealing of the U.N. agencies. It has helped millions of children and expectant mothers in more than 100 countries and territories. Last year alone 7,000,000 children and mothers were protected against malaria and more than 5,000,000 got UNICEF Milk.

These are a few of the things the United Nations has accomplished — worthwhile, life-saving successes which form an island of hope in a confused, selfish, war-torn world.

We salute the United Nations on

the 10th Anniversary of its charter signing. We look ahead to another day, October 24, which President Eisenhower has proclaimed as United Nations Day. (This was the day the United Nations Charter went into force.)

The President has urged all citizens to observe this day by means of community programs so that they may "demonstrate their faith in, and support of, the United Nations, and that will will create a better public understanding of its problems and of its aims and achievements."

We announce this coming day now and urge our people to remember it and celebrate it.

Railroad Meeting

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partment, which was to have been held April 18 in Chicago, but which was postponed because of the strike.

However, the Executive Council of which our Vice President Duffy is a member, met in Washington and by unanimous vote returned to office the incumbent officers of the Department. Michael Fox a member of our Brotherhood is president of the Department. John Kolanda of the Sheet Metal Workers is secretary-treasurer.

The Executive Council, in its report prepared for the convention, summarizing the highlights of the four years since the last Department Convention, issued this statement:

"We have secured the union shop, improved vacations, holidays with pay, the health and welfare program, productivity wage increases and the inclusion of the (cost of living) escalator increase in the basic rates of pay.

"Equally good progress has been made on the railroads in Canada, where we have increased wage rates and secured improved vacations, holidays with pay, the check-off of dues and other changes in rules.

The report points out that these gains were made only through persistent struggle.

"While we have always met resistance on the part of railway managements to any requests for

improvements in wages and working conditions, their opposition has become more relentless and well organized than ever before," the report asserts.

The report indicates, however, that even in the face of increased opposition by the carriers, the shopcraft unions, which include our members, have continued to progress. The report states that in National Mediation Board representation elections, "we have been certified to represent additional employees in one or more crafts on 23 railroads and have secured agreements covering these employees. The Department also announced that it had revised agreements on 133 railroads since its last Convention.

The report was concluded with one very significant bit of advice for every railroad worker. The report stated that anti-labor laws and appointment of reactionary officials presents a great danger to the future progress of all railway employees.

"There is only one way in which we can overcome this obstacle to future legislative and economic progress and that is to arouse our membership and their families to participate actively in the forthcoming elections. They should be urged to register and vote and to give their financial support to Railway Labor's Political League to the end that their political strength will be used to elect to public office candidates interested in their welfare."

Defense Dept.

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Through the Act of 1947 and the amendments of 1949, Congress provided for three separately administered military departments to be operated "under unified control and for their integration into an efficient team of land, naval, and air forces . . ." The purpose was not to merge the three military departments which are of course, the Army, Navy (includes naval aviation and United States Marines), and the Air Force. In providing for their unified direction, Congress placed control in the hands of a civilian Secretary of

Defense, in line with tradition of this nation which from the time of George Washington has always been that of making the military subordinate to the civilian. Because of this tradition the United States has never had to fear that its government might become militaristic as have other nations. (When General Marshall received his appointment as Secretary of Defense, Congress passed a special law waiving the requirement in this instance, that the Secretary be in civilian life.)

A 1953 reorganization plan within the Department was designed to strengthen civilian responsibility within the department and to make the Joint Chiefs of Staff the top strategic planning and military advisory group.

Today then, the Department of Defense is organized in this way. The line of command descends to the Secretary of Defense from the President as Commander-in-Chief, and then within the department descends from the Secretary to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and

Air Force. The Secretary of Defense, now Charles E. Wilson, and the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Robert B. Anderson, have the assistance of nine Assistant Secretaries of Defense, a General Counsel and specially designated assistants, as well as an Assistant on Atomic Energy.

The Secretary of Defense has as his principal civilian advisors the Joint Secretaries, who are Robert T. Stevens, Secretary of the Army; Charles S. Thomas, Secretary of the Navy; and Harold E. Talbott, Secretary of the Air Force. His principal military advisors are the Joint Chiefs of Staff: Admiral Arthur W. Radford, USN, chairman; General Nathan F. Twining, USAF; General Matthew B. Ridgway, USA; Admiral Robert B. Carney, USN; and General Lemuel C. Shepherd, USMC. (General Shepherd sits as a co-equal when Marine Corps matters are being considered.) *As the JOURNAL went to press, the President named two new members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to succeed Admiral Carney and General Ridgway, who will retire this summer. The new appointees are Admiral Arleigh A. Burke and General Maxwell Taylor.*

To confer on matters of broad policy relative to the armed forces the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary meet with these Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force; and the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Armed Forces Policy Council.

Today's vast organization of forces for defense presents a very different picture from the little band of Revolutionary soldiers over which George Washington assumed command in July 1775 or from the skeleton force of 80 men guarding military supplies in 1784 which made up our first peacetime army. From this tiny beginning, the United States Army was to grow to more than eight million men in World War II.

Back in the first days of the Republic after adoption of the Constitution, a War Department was created in the year 1789 which had charge of both the Army and Navy. And Henry Knox, Washing-

Who is this ?



This gay young fellow is a well known member of the International Staff. Originally from the west, he has been attached to the I.O. staff in Washington for the past seven years. The picture was taken back in 1926. Know him? (Answer next month.)

ton's chief of artillery, became the first Secretary of War. Five years later the department authorized building of six frigates for warships. (A small Navy in use during the Revolution had been sold three years after the end of that war.)

A Congressional act signed by President John Adams created a separate Navy Department in 1798 and in that same year the Marine Corps was placed within the Navy. (A Marine Corps had been set up in 1775 by the Continental Congress. And a committee of the Continental Congress had served as a temporary Navy Department during the War for Independence.)

First Secretary of the Navy, Benjamin Stoddert, raised the strength of the United States Navy from one ship to 54 and advocated a strong Navy as a means of insuring peace. From this beginning, the Marines expanded to a force of 485,000 in World War II. And the Navy reached supremacy with 8,400 ships and in 1945, 40,893 planes.

The youngest branch of the service is the Air Force which originated as a division of the Signal Corps of the Army in 1907. Its purpose was to study the new flying machine and the possibility of its adaption to military purposes. (As early as Civil War days, Army balloons had been used for observation, and during the 1898 battle of San Juan Hill an Army balloon directed artillery fire.)

On July 18, 1914 an Aviation Section was set up within the Signal Corps. It was not until after World War I had proved the value of heavier-than-air craft as a military weapon, that a new Air Service as a separate branch of the Army was established June 4, 1920. In 1926 the Office of the Chief of Air Corps was created and then in 1941 the Army Air Forces came into being, with General H. H. Arnold in command. The United States Air Force became a separate branch of the service under the act of 1947 with W. Stuart Symington as its first Secretary.

From a tiny branch of the Signal Corps back in 1907, the Air

Force grew to a force of 2,400,000 men and 80,000 planes in World War II. Today it spends the lion's share of the nation's defense dollar and is the mightiest arm of our defense force.

To continue to build this force, Congress appropriated to the Department of Defense for the year 1955, \$29.6 billion, which sum, although a reduction from 1954, will be added to the carry-over of \$55.1 billion in unexpended funds from previous years.

New weapons of such character and ability as to deter any foe from attacking, are constantly being developed by the military branches of the Defense Department. On January 21, 1954 the *Nautilus*, first nuclear-powered submarine was launched, while a second, the *Sea Wolf* is to be launched in July. New carriers with canted decks, and equipped with new steam catapults for launching jet planes instantly into the air are part of the Navy's striking force.

Jets that fly at supersonic speeds, equipped for mid-air refueling, and intercontinental bombers, such as eight-jet B-52s, capable of reaching any target in the world, are part of the air arm of our defense. The Air Force has also organized guided missile squadrons equipped with high-speed, high-altitude guided missiles, such as B-61 Matadors. Then there is the early warning radar picket plane, a modified version of Lockheed's Super Constellation with special electronic installation.

Also, during 1954, U. S. Ground Observer Corps grew to some 360,000 skywatchers, while coverage in Alaska was increased.

Our ground forces have in use the *Corporal*, a surface-to-surface missile guided to targets by electronic means and capable of having its course changed in flight. Also there is the free-flight rocket known as *Honest John*. Both of these can be fitted with atomic war heads. One of the newer guided missiles is the *Nike*, a surface-to-air missile fired by remote control (see April 1955 *Journal*).

Joint maneuvers to perfect teamwork between the services are an-

other part of the defense program. During 1954 such joint Air Force and Army maneuvers as Exercises Flash Burn and Wind Chill provided valuable experience for our fighting forces. Flash Burn was a large scale Army atomic field exercise while Wind Chill, carried out 900 miles from the North Pole was the northernmost airborne maneuver held by the United States armed forces to that time.

At the same time our Defense Department, while building up our forces of defense at home and maintaining strategic bases abroad, cooperates with all free nations of the world in building a common defense against the threat of communist aggression.

Under this program, military, economic and technical aid goes out to free nations from South and Central America to the governments of the Philippines, Japan and Nationalist China, to the free governments of Indochina, Pakistan, and Korea, to Greece and Turkey and Spain, and in effect to all free nations. This Mutual Defense Program has helped build the strong bulwark that is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Europe and ANZUS (united front of Australia, New Zealand and the United States) in the Pacific. In the Organization of American States we are building a common defense with the free republics of the Western Hemisphere, and under the RIO Pact are providing assistance to 19 of these countries. We maintain a Permanent Board of Joint Defense with Canada.

All this is so that the United States and the free nations of the world will win the arms race against Russia. All this is so that Communist Russia will not find the free world weak and divided.

We are not striving to create war, but rather, we are working towards that peace which strong readiness for war can bring. It was George Washington who back in the first days of our Republic pointed out this axiom to his countrymen when he said, "There is nothing so likely to produce peace as to be well prepared to meet an enemy."

Firmness in Holding Jurisdictional Lines

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Whenever there are several trades working on a large job where trade jurisdictions run parallel, you will find jurisdictional disputes. Business Manager Ed Redemeier—through efficient management and hard work—has educated the members of Local No. 1 to the fact that regardless of the nature of the equipment being installed, all work that involves the electric portion of the equipment belongs to the electrician.

It has taken long hours of talk and arguments with representatives of other trades to convince them that we will not concede any portion of electric work to other trades. The latest and most flagrant attempt to confiscate electric work came from the Millwrights, who insisted on the setting of hold-down bolts for electric motors. We naturally refused to relinquish this work to any other trade,

insisting "electric work for the electrician." We were successful in educating Local No. 1 members to resist such demands on all jobs, but on one large job the Carpenters refused to let electricians fasten their templates to the wooden forms that hold concrete for the machine base. The solution to the problem came with templates built of Unistrut and weighted into place.

The constant education of the members of Local No. 1 on this subject has paid off in many manhours of pay.

St. Louis and Local No. 1 have long

been noted for their insistence on the union label on all electrical products. In addition, Local No. 1 members have insisted on the label on all equipment sent in from other cities. We naturally are proud of our 100 per cent union shops that manufacture electrical equipment and in the following issues of the JOURNAL we will attempt to let you know who they are and what they manufacture. We hope you will give these products your endorsement.

This month we are introducing the Frank Adam Electric Manufacturing

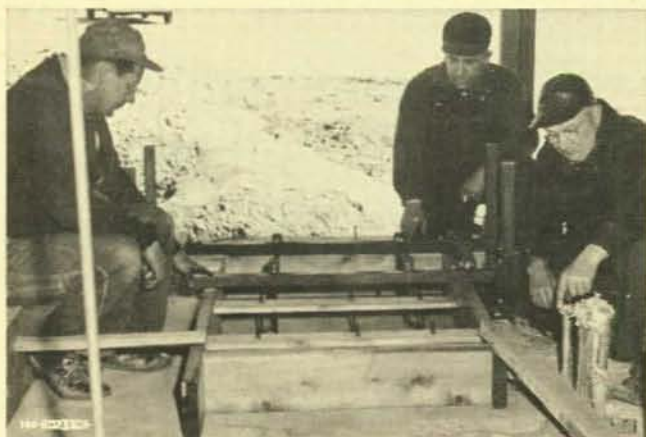
Local Lines

NEWS FROM THE LOCALS

Random Views from Local 1



On display at left are a small portion of the many items manufactured by the Frank Adams Co., all bearing the union label as the handiwork of Local 1, St. Louis, Mo. From left are Floyd Green, chief testing engineer; Jerry Rossener, union shop steward, and Fred Adams, company president. Another 100 percent union made product is the line of bent glass used in lighting fixtures west of the Mississippi and produced by the International Company and Local 1. From left in picture at right: Harry Easthope, business representative of Local 1; Herman Gralnick, company president, and a member of Local 1 etching the design on the glass before it is put into the oven for bending.



A solution to the jurisdictional problem between Local 1 and the Millwrights who refused permission for fastening down bolts for electric motors to the concrete forms of the motor base is seen at left. These ingenious electricians, Carl Singleton, Ted Kopechy and Foreman Joe Schad, devised this contraption to hold the bolts in place while the concrete is being poured. At right, Business Representative Lee Killian, left, prepares for Local 1's golf tournament, making arrangements for links, and buying prizes and trophies. Bob Riley, golf professional, and Sammie Thomas of the Forest Park Pro Shop, help him select a new set of clubs.



Get Well Soon, Frank



This amusing and decorative floral get-well token was sent to International Vice President Frank W. Jacobs by the local chapter of N.E.C.A. It consists of a smiling head made of foam plastic to represent Old Man Electricity himself, with flashing light globes for eyes, switches and receptacles for ears, and a porcelain socket for a nose, with insulated wire for mouth, hair, etc. Jacobs had been confined to the St. Johns hospital for several weeks at the time the gift was sent. Standing behind Jacobs and admiring the gift is Mrs. Jacobs.

Company, one of the early pioneers of the electrical industry in St. Louis. First starting in the electrical contracting business and later answering the demand for switch boards, knife switches, fuse blocks and various other lines of electrical products, they started in the electrical manufacturing end of the then young and coming electrical industry. Now the Frank Adam Company is one of the largest and best known manufacturers of switches, switch gear, panel boards, theater lighting that also includes electronic-controlled switch boards in the world today. The Frank Adam Company is 100 percent I.B.E.W. Organized since 1934, its products bear our label and our endorsement.

Of prime importance to union membership in our area at present writing is the fight against the "right-to-work" proponents in the State Legislature. At every session of the Legislature, these people introduce a new "right-to-work" bill, hoping that at some time they will catch union labor asleep and put the law into effect.

This "right-to-work" group is a persistent lot, and it seems they never give up. After each defeat from organized labor, they come back stronger . . . and each year it means a tougher fight to beat them down.

As this is written, the "right to workers" are at it again at the capitol in Jefferson City. As usual, organized labor is fighting to kill the bill that would destroy labor unions were it passed. And as usual, the local

unions of the I.B.E.W. within Missouri are up in front with all the power at their command to help defeat the passage of this latest "right-to-work" bill. This, of course, takes much time, effort, and money, and it means that some group representing organized labor be at each session of Legislature to guard against quick passage by the opposition.

The JOURNAL's deadline prohibits a final report on this bill this month, but in the next issue we will give you the results of the voting.

Local No. 1 I.B.E.W. will hold a golf tournament this summer for members of the I.B.E.W. from various parts of the central states. This tournament is open to any member of the brotherhood regardless of your ability to play the game, as there will be various classes in which you may register and play. Business Manager Ed Redemeier has named Representative Lee Killian as tournament manager. Killian requests that all out-of-town golfers desiring to enter this tournament write for entry blanks. Local No. 1 is trying to promote this tournament into a regular yearly affair to be held in different cities each year. So come on, you out-of-town golfers, write Lee Killian, Local No. 1, Boyle and Gibson Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Make a party of it and visit St. Louis this summer and play in this tournament. Dates will be announced in next issue of the JOURNAL. Local No. 1 members, contact Killian any day at the union hall

and register for this tournament.

Several months ago we predicted that the increased use of electricity in St. Louis would necessitate an expansion by Union Electric Company of Missouri. Today's headlines read, "Union Electric Company Plans \$252 Million Expansion."

This is good news because it means work over a long period of time.

In a statement to the press, J. Wesley McAfee, president of Union Electric, said this amount of money would be spent to improve and add to the present equipment. Thirty-six million will be spent to add 250,000 k.w. generating equipment to the Meramec plant, which will be completed by 1958. Another \$100 million will be spent for sub-stations, lines, transformers, etc., and \$10 million will purchase new coal mines since atomic energy is too far away to be considered at this time. However, the company makes financial contributions to science for the development of atomic power for the electrical industry.

To add to this expansion program of Union Electric, the city of St. Louis will hold a special election on May 21 to vote on a \$150 million bond issue for public improvements. Included will be \$10 million for improvements to our street lighting system, and several million dollars for other improvements to existing systems.

There is a bright outlook for our city, once again proving the faith of its citizens for a bigger and better city in which to live and work—St. Louis, the Gateway to the West.

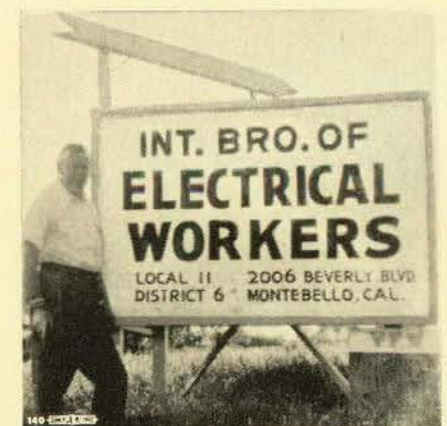
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Tribute to President Emeritus Dan Tracy

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—It was

Good Advertising



This imposing sign of Local 11, Montebello, Calif., caught the eye of Brother Alfred Sempell on a California highway, so he stopped for this picture. Brother Sempell is a member of Local 3, New York City.

Pension Committee Reunion Luncheon



This was the scene in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City when the Pension Committee of the Joint Industry Board of the Electrical Industry held its Seventh Reunion Luncheon in the jurisdiction of Local 3.

with sincere sorrow and regret that we learned of the passing of our International President Emeritus, Dan Tracy. Like so many of his predecessors, he died in the midst of efforts to further the cause of organized workers in particular and of all workers in general, which will be the result of the merging of the A.F.L. and the C.I.O.

At first comes the thought that it is too bad that he could not have lived to enjoy the lightening of his burden brought about by his resignation as International President. On the other hand, perhaps Dan would have preferred it this way. In any event, God's will be done. May he rest in peace.

There will be official resolutions of sympathy adopted by Local 3 at its next regular meeting which will express more fully what the writer has tried to say in the foregoing paragraphs.

On March 1, 1955, the seventh reunion luncheon of the pensioned members of Local Union 3, sponsored by the Pension Committee of the Joint Industry Board of the Electrical Industry, was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. More than 400 pensioned members, union and management representatives and public officials were present. Mr. A. Lincoln Bush, chairman of the Pension Committee, was toastmaster.

Among the honored guests present were Commissioner Arthur C. Ford of the Department of Water Supply,



The oldest living member of Local 3 is Herman C. Weissner, 95 years of age, shown above with President Jere P. Sullivan, on the dais at the Pension Reunion Luncheon. Born January 25, 1860, he was a mighty wrestler in his youth, an associate of Frank Gotch, Billy Muldoon and others of the old-time greats. He was given an ovation by all present.

Gas and Electricity, Corporation Counsel of New York City Peter Campbell Brown, former State Housing Commissioner Herman T. Stitchman, President of Local Union 32-B of the Building Service Employees Union David Sullivan, and President of the Hotel Trades Council Jay Rubin.

One man was there in a dual role—

that is, he was an honored guest and also one of the pensioned members. The man who played this role was the oldest living member of L. U. 3, Herman C. Weissner, who had celebrated his 95th birthday on January 25, 1955.

Short talks lauding our honored pensioners, the membership of L. U. 3 and of the contractor groups as represented by the Joint Industry Board,

and things they have accomplished through cooperation, were made by former Housing Commissioner Stitchman, Commissioner Ford, Corporation Counsel Brown, President David Sullivan of L. U. 32B, President Rubin of the Hotel Trades, and L. U. 3 Business Manager Harry Van Arsdale, Jr. In concluding his remarks to the pensioners, Brother Van Arsdale said, "The job before you is to keep in contact with the younger members so that they can learn what exists today did not come about by itself." A very pertinent suggestion.

A news item dated March 28, 1955, in one of our New York papers states that Governor Fred Hall of Kansas has vetoed a so-called "Right-to-Work" bill in spite of the fact that it had been passed through the strong support of the Governor's own Republican party. He gave as his reason that the rights of workers are adequately protected under existing statutes. A later report stated that an attempt to pass the bill over the Governor's veto had failed.

We need more men like Governor Hall, Secretary of Labor Mitchell and the Reverend Fathers William J. Kelly and J. F. Cronin. Father Kelly is mentioned in the February letter from L. U. 28 of Baltimore and both reverend gentlemen are mentioned in the February letter from L. U. 185 of Helena, Montana.

At our regular meeting, April 14, 1955, we honored a distinguished number of our pensioned group. We refer to the Golden Jubilee members; those members who 50 years ago had the supreme courage that was necessary, in those days, to join a labor union and to stay with it through the years to finally win the respect and acclaim not only of their friends and fellow union members but also that of people in high places.

There were 41 of these pioneers who received the 50-year button, certificate and letter from the I.B.E.W. and a suitably inscribed gold watch from the members of Local Union 3 plus congratulations from Governor Averell Harriman. These were sent in a letter to Business Manager Van Arsdale and read by Phillip M. Kaiser, special assistant to the Governor and speaker of the evening, assigned to study the problems of the aging workers. Other distinguished guests present were Deputy Industrial Commissioner Charles Halloran, of New York State; our own Brothers of L. U. 3, Howard McSpeddon, president of the A.F.L. Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York, and Armand DeAngelo, deputy commissioner of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, also of Greater New York.

Among those honored were Harry Van Arsdale, Sr., father of our Business Manager, and Henry Waldinger, who has been Mayor of Valley Stream, Long Island, for 21 years and has just been reelected to another four-year term. Brother Waldinger acted as valedictorian of the group and did a wonderful job. Those who had the pleasure of hearing him readily understand why the people of Valley Stream have kept him as mayor for many years. One thing he mentioned which might startle our younger members was that when he first became a journeyman he worked 44 hours per week for the large sum of \$9.00.

Mr. Kaiser's talk was titled "Labor's Role in the Problem of the Aging," and as may easily be surmised dealt with the serious situation facing men 45 years and over and women 35 years and over in not only obtaining new jobs but in holding jobs at which they may have worked for

many years. It was the sort of subject and talk that should give all who heard it much food for thought and if possible an inspiration to try to do something about it.

Before closing we wish to mention a news item in the New York Herald-Tribune dated Washington, April 27, which starts off as follows: "The National Association of Manufacturers declared today that any increase in the legal minimum wage would spark a 'dangerous' and inflationary general wage rise." The opposition was expressed in testimony before a Senate Labor Subcommittee by Thomas O. Moore, of Winston-Salem, N. C., vice president of the P. H. Hanes Knitting Company. Guess he doesn't relish competing on a reasonably equal footing with employers who pay a living wage. We need a \$1.25 per hour minimum!

FREDRICK V. EICH, P. S.

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Heart Attack Fatal To Springfield Man

L. U. 7, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Matthew Arnold, in his narrative poem "Sohrab and Rustum," wrote:

"For we are all like swimmers in the sea,
Poised on the top of a huge wave of fate,
Which hangs uncertain to which side to fall.
And whether it will heave us up to land,
Or whether it will roll us out to sea,
Back out to sea, to the deep waves of death,
We know not, and no search will make us know;
Only the event will teach us in its hour."

The truth of the above lines was

Massachusetts Apprentice Group



Graduates and instructors in Local 7's apprenticeship program in Springfield, Mass., are shown, left to right: Irving Weiner, Instructor; Jeremiah McCarthy, Instructor; William Miller, John Bradley, Daniel Little, Raymond Gelinis, John Carney, Roman Kubacki, Thomas Walling, John Mannix, Joseph Filiault, George Lemelin, Robert Gibblin, Joseph Tourville, Alan Tober, Joseph Auger (Local 10, Northampton), Albert Bailey, Frank Potkai, John Murphy, Dennis J. Brunton, Director of the Springfield Trade High School. Richard Emery (Local 10, Northampton) is not shown in the picture because he obligingly snapped the picture.

brought home to the members of Local 7 when they learned of the sudden death of Brother Eugene J. Shean. He was stricken with a heart attack while on the job at the Westover Air Force Base, Monday, April 11th. Brother Shean was 56 years old at the time of his death and had been a member of Local 7 since March 21, 1921.

The apprentice class held at the Springfield Trade School closed for the year on April 27th. This was the second year since the inauguration of the "Buck" Baker Electrical Apprenticeship Course and the boys have learned the value of theory and are really making an effort to learn it.

The agreement with our contractors has been opened up for negotiation and the brothers are hoping to get paid vacations included in the contract. Some of the other locals in the surrounding cities have incorporated this into their agreements in the past and we hope to be able to do the same.

IRVING WEINER, P. S.

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Sun Oil Warms Up Catalytic Cracker

L. U. 8, TOLEDO, OHIO.—At this writing we are already seven days into spring and the ground is covered with six inches of snow. However, this does not stop the wheels of progress from turning. Out at the Sun Oil Company's plant on the Woodville road, mechanics are warming up the new \$5,800,000 Houdrifiow Catalytic cracker which was only a bare plot of ground on July 1, 1954. This unit, the tallest one at the refinery—it rises some 360 feet above ground—has a 27,000 barrel-a-day capacity and is designed to improve the quality of the gasoline it produces as well as to increase capacity of the refinery. It is expected that it will be in operation by April 5, 1955.

The Toledo Industrial Development Council, which had its first birthday this month, had already proved that new industries can be brought into a city if the right inducements are offered. Both the A.F.L. and the C.I.O. contributed to the cause. Expressway Park, a plot of 90 acres, has been developed to provide space with all of the necessary facilities such as railroad trackage, gas, water, electricity and ease of entrance. One of the first occupants will be Graybar Electric Company, which is going to erect a central distribution warehouse. Campbell Soup Company owns the land and the New York Central Railroad, in cooperation with that firm, is spending a half million dollars in its development.

The Bay Shore Plant of the Toledo Edison Co. is rapidly coming to completion. A gang of over 600 mechan-

ics are at work on the project at this writing. Not all of these are electricians, of course. The parts for the turbine are expected to start arriving beginning the first of April and a date for going on the line will be set at about 90 days after that time.

Work in connection with the improvement program of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Company has been started, and men are on the job at the Thermopane plant and the twin grind plant in Rossford, as well as at the East Broadway plant in Toledo. When these jobs really get underway, we won't have any one on the so-called bench, an article we never have had in this local although we have had numerous men out of work at different times.

Another of those shopping centers is being planned for the intersection of Anthony Wayne Trail and Route Twenty in our neighboring city of Maumee, which is having all of the pains of a growing city. This center will probably cost a few millions of dollars, although no definite costs have been published.

Our port plans in connection with the St. Lawrence waterway have been stymied by differences of opinion as to what powers the Port Commission should have, especially in connection with the right of eminent domain. With all of the wrangling going on, it is possible that considerable time is going to be lost in getting the necessary facilities built by the time the waterway becomes a reality. Toledo has the finest natural harbor on the Great Lakes and it would be a shame if private interests should throw a monkey wrench in the way of its becoming the biggest in the point of tonnage handled.

Now for another topic in a series about our city. We have no doubt that there are thousands of members of the I.B.E.W. who never have had the opportunity to spend a day at a zoo such as we have in Toledo. This zoo is among the leaders in its field in this country considering the variety of its animals plus the number and their environment. You might not believe it but a lowly woodchuck was the nucleus of our present large collection of animals. Back in 1899 a South Toledo business man by the name of Hillebrand had one of these animals and, not knowing what to do with it, got the bright idea of giving it to the city. The city fathers couldn't turn any donation down at that time, so they had one of the city's carpenters make a small wooden cage in which to keep it and placed it in charge of a man who took care of a small plot of ground called Walbridge Park.

From that time the collection grew an animal at a time, until in 1913, when the collection had grown to such proportions that the city fathers had to decide whether to have a zoo or

not, the Toledo Zoological Society was incorporated to help the city build a permanent zoo by raising money for the purpose.

During the next few years two buildings were built, one to house North American hoofed animals such as bison, deer and elk; the other for elephants, rhinos and hippos. Children were clamoring for some elephants, so two of these were added. In the year 1927, the society conducted a drive for funds and with \$127,000 collected by this method, a new building to house members of the cat family was erected. This building now houses specimens of lions, tigers, leopards, jaguars and pumas. Some cages in the building were used to house members of the Great Ape family, such as chimpanzees, gibbons and orangutans.

It wasn't until the dark days of the depression, however, that our zoo became one of the most outstanding in the whole country. The W.P.A. was looking for projects on which to put idle men to work, and our city had the plans for building one of the finest zoos in the whole country but did not have the funds. Uncle Sam was willing to pay for the labor but not for the material with which to build it. The zoo authorities then went forth on a campaign to get the material. Numerous buildings were being torn down at that time and the committee got wreckers to donate material that could be reused. The old Milburn wagon works, the old Canal Locks plus some old railroad shops, to name a few, provided material with which the following were built: The beautiful Museum of Science, a large 4,500 seat amphitheatre, the largest fresh water aquarium in the United States, a wonderful bird house and one of the finest reptile houses in America.

In 1953, the society saw the need for a special zoo for children. This was to be an animal paradise for them, where they could pet and handle little creatures of the wild and learn at first hand some of the very interesting phases of wild life. Wonder Valley, as the children's zoo is called, is now a reality and thousands of kids from Toledo and the surrounding territory enjoy it each year.

This year, the zoo is starting in on plans for more expansion which will involve open-view type exhibits for bear and antelope, plus a seal and porpoise pool and a great ape building.

Among our collection of animals that are out of the ordinary are two Indian elephants, a black rhinoceros, a giant hippopotamus, a swell as a specimen of the rare pigmy hippo. In hoofed animals we have a beautiful young pair of giraffes and a fine pair of greater Kudus. This latter is the most beautiful antelope in the world.

The zoo is financed principally by public-spirited citizens who donate

Fifty-fifth Anniversary Marked



A picture taken at the Local 12, Pueblo, Colo., 55th Anniversary Dinner. From left to right: Oscar Lile; Elmer Sickinger; Earl Cotten; Clarence Hoer; R. Montera, president, Local 12; G. R. Allenback, business agent; E. R. Walker, and John Pannezio. Bro. Lile and Bro. Hoer have been members of Local 12 for thirty years, and Bro. John Pannezio for thirty-seven years.



A few of the ladies with the plants they won at the anniversary dinner. From left to right: Mmes. Wm. Aan Woensel, Clarence Hoer, Eldon Walker, Edward Walker, Leo Moreschini, Ralph Herman, Jos. Evans, Chas. Price, John Wolfe and James Salyer.

money on a membership basis and is the only zoo in the country which is not financed out of city funds.

For the information in the above article concerning the zoo, we are indebted to Mr. Phil Skeldon, Director of the Zoo.

BILL CONWAY, R. S.

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Dinner-Dance Marks 55th Anniversary

L. U. 12, PUEBLO, COLO.—Local 12 celebrated its 55th anniversary at the Pueblo Golf and Country Club with a dinner dance. About 150 members, wives and special guests were present. Honored guests were electrical contractors and wives from this district. The tables were attractively decorated with spring potted plants, green fernery and pastel candles.

At the head table Brother G. R.

Allenback (our business agent) welcomed the members and guests. Later he paid tribute to some veteran service members, Brother Oscar Lile, 1925; Brother Elmer Sickinger, reinstated 1938; Brother Earl Cotten, 1936; Brother Clarence Hoer, 1925; Brother G. R. Allenback, reinstated 1939; Brother E. R. Walker, 1937, and Brother John Pannezio, 1918.

Music was played during the dinner and after dinner a fine program was presented. After the program, the potted plants were presented to the ladies holding the winning numbers. The enclosed picture shows several of the ladies who won plants.

The dancing was enjoyed by all. The committee in charge of arrangements for the banquet were Charles Rains, Elmo Griffin and Harry Amick, Jr.

HARRY AMICK, JR., P. S.

Employment Revives After Real Slump

L. U. 16, EVANSVILLE, IND.—It is indeed with deep sorrow and regret that local union 16 records the passing of two of its older members, Brothers Walter Herman and David Becker.

Brother Walter Herman was initiated into Local Union 16 November 12, 1917 and remained a faithful member from that date. During these years he made many friends and was well liked by all who knew him. Your Press Secretary had the honor of serving part of his apprenticeship under Brother Herman. He was probably best known for his skill as a motor control man. Brother David Becker was initiated into Local Union 16 November 2, 1936 and also remained a faithful member all the years. He, like Brother Herman made numerous friends. Your press secretary also worked under Brother Becker. He was perhaps best known for his ability as a job foreman.

Work here has had a real slump but things are better now. At the time of this writing all members are working. The big job around here is the power house for Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company, being built at Yankeetown, Indiana, just East of Evansville a few miles.

Since the installation of new officers, things are looking up for Local 16. The attendance at the meetings has picked up and new interest is shown by most everyone.

We are trying to work out a plan now, whereby the beneficiary of our deceased members will receive a cash sum of money from the local in addition to their E.W.B.A. check.

Local 16 took a very important part in working against the "right-to-work" law proposed in the Indiana Legislature. We sent two of our members, Brothers Ralph Harpe (B.A.) and John Kaho to the State Capitol to assist in defeating this bill.

The boys did a real good job too. They contacted most of the legislators personally, talked to the committee members and did other things along those lines.

From their report and from the deluge of letters Local 16 received from the legislators, it is quite apparent their work was not in vain.

Of course, this bill has not come up for a vote yet, but we feel certain that if it does (there is some question as to this also) it will be defeated.

So we of Local 16 take pride in feeling we have done labor a great turn by doing our part toward defeating this bill. We urge all locals to take an active part in defeating such legislature if it should ever become your misfortune to have such a bill introduced in your state.

RAY TEMPLE, P. S.

Cites Example Set By 50-Year Veterans

L. U. 26, WASHINGTON, D. C.—This is my first effort as the newly appointed press secretary of Local 26, and as my initial offering, I am submitting photos taken at a recent meeting where we had the pleasure of having with us that evening, International Secretary, Joseph D. Keenan. He spoke excellently on the example given by the members of Local 26 who received their 50 year pins. That night he also spoke pointedly to the apprentices who had reached their maturity, having passed the last four years under the scrutiny and instruction of brother journeymen. Now the time has come for them to leave the difficult, but necessary part of our instruction system, and become, as it were, giants in their particular chosen field. Brother Keenan pointed out, that while the way was somewhat eased for these men to become full-fledged journeymen, there was a time, when the uphill path to a full card was not all honey and primroses. People have become organization-minded, and that makes it somewhat easier for union men to become part of society, in all its phases. What with the recent war, union men showed the country, just what it could do in an emergency, by not only buying bonds, but also by putting their shoulders to the wheel and helping out in time of need.

The merging of the two great labor organizations, the AF of L and the CIO, helps to put across this idea. Unification in the ranks of labor has been sorely needed, and if all labor-minded people did their part, the



(Brother Healy, a cable splicer and long-time member of Local 18, retired February 28, 1955. Barney Healy was initiated on September 2, 1926, and has been a member of Local 18's Executive Board continuously from July, 1940.)

so-called "Right-to-Work" laws would become a thing of the past. Local 26 did its part in this area, recently, by having a spokesman appear before the joint Labor Committee of the State of Maryland and explain just what would happen if these laws were to become a reality. He cited what Hitler and Mussolini did to labor unions and then what happened in turn, to those who supported the breaking up of organized labor. In this country, we have the N. A. M.

A Tribute to T. I. (Barney) Healy

I was a lad so very green,
When I met you in Seventeen,
And as I followed you around,
I learned about the "Underground."
We worked in every kind of
weather,

And thru it all we stuck together,
In spite of danger as we'd race,
From vaults that blew up in our
face.

Oft times a raft we had to man,
In flooded vaults to fuse a can,
Or walked in water to our knees,
As customers we tried to please.
In days when I was young in age,
You oft times chased me in my

Paige,
So before you go I'd like to say,
You taught me all I know today.
You've been my buddy all these
years,

We had our laughs, we had our
tears,
In trials and troubles we've been
thru,

'Twas good to have a pal like you.

By FRED BRINDLY,
Local 18,
Los Angeles, California

with its enormous union-breaking reserve funds and its members never fail at any time to put a well-placed monkey wrench in the machinery of organized labor.

Be on the alert, Brothers, and buy union—patronize union Barbers, union butchers, and buy union made cigars and cigarettes. Your business agent will always furnish you with a list of Who's Who and Who Ain't.

Labor has again made the headlines, with President George Meany receiving the Laetare Medal as the outstanding Man of the Year. This medal is given by the University of Notre Dame to a person who has done much for his fellowman in the past years. Laetare means rejoice—and we rejoice that organized labor has a man among us, who is worthy of such high praise. It is the wish of all that he continue to do good.

Another great man went into the Great Beyond recently and he was mourned by all. Daniel W. Tracy, President Emeritus of the I. B. E. W. passed away very suddenly on March 22. He will be missed by all who knew him. Starting as a lineman, he rose to the top and recently resigned as President of the I. B. E. W. May he rest in peace.

FRANCIS J. O'NEILL, P. S.

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Class of Forty-two Maryland Graduates

L. U. 28, BALTIMORE, MD.—The Labor movement has suffered a great loss in the death of Daniel W. Tracy, President Emeritus of the Interna-

Local 16 Power House Crew



Part of the crew now working on the F. Bayard Culley Power House near Yanketown, Ind., in the jurisdiction of Local 16, Evansville, Ind. This station has a 40,000 kw unit now under construction as an addition to the Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co. and is expected to expand. In rear, from left: General Foreman William Scales; Ray Hoogson; Foreman Ed Lannert; Elvin Boyer; Richard Duley; William Sutton; William Perkins; Vernon Herman; Herbert Hari, and Foreman Earl Angermeier. Center: Bob Grey; Jess Noakes; Norbert Jones; Kenneth Barr, and Nelson Paris. Front: Foreman Fred Vaught and Harvey Faries.

Scenes from Los Angeles Local



Brother E. P. Taylor, business manager of Local 18, congratulates Brother Fred Utrecht after presenting him with an honorary withdrawal card upon the occasion of his retirement from the Los Angeles, Calif., local.



Brother Taylor shows the Electrical Workers' Journal to two visitors from Denmark. From left to right: Einar Poulsen, vice president of the Danish Painters' Union; E. P. Taylor and Jorgen Madsen of the Danish Upholsterers' Union. These gentlemen are touring the United States and recently dropped into Local 18's office for a visit.

tional Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Mr. Tracy was the 10th Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor and also a vice-president of the AFL Metal Trades Department.

In Maryland at this writing, we are very happy to report, that the so-called "Right-to-Work" bill which was before the House in Annapolis, has been defeated.

The officers and members of Local Union 28, IBEW would like to thank all organizations and parties instrumental in defeating such a vicious bill. We all know that where the bill has been passed in other states that it has caused much unrest in the labor movement.

The Baltimore Federation of Labor, and Labor's League for Political Education have worked hard to help defeat the bill and deserve much credit.

I hope other states faced with such a bill have the help and support of such interested and loyal groups as we have had in Maryland. You too may have the pleasure to carry on in your efforts to better conditions and closer relations with management, that is still our privilege and right. Thanks again to all who worked so hard to keep this right.

The night school classes for the Apprentice Training Program came to a close the last week in March. The classes closed with 2 apprentices completing four years of evening classes. The graduation exercises will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel on May 26, 1955 at 6:30 P. M. Certificates will be presented to the men at this time.

The Electronics Classes also closed the last week in March for the 1954-55 session. This class would like to take this opportunity to thank the local and the officers for being able to attend these classes for the second term. They are hoping that these classes will be continued for another

season in the fall. Well, Brothers, how does it feel to have so much free time on your hands?

Our Bowling League got in touch with a Washington Local 26's Bowling Team and arranged a match on Saturday, April 30, 1955. Washington met Baltimore at the Arcade Bowling Alleys. Three games were played with the following results: Baltimore—7768; Washington—7422. Baltimore led with 346 over Washington.

Washington was represented with about 25 men. Being a little short on man power, Brother Ed. Rost, Jr., and several other Baltimore men played on Washington's team. Whether that had any effect on the score is hard to say. After two hours of hard bowling, the two teams went to Brother Garmatz's club on the Belair Road for refreshments. Having discussed most of the high and low points of one another's bowling ability, about 7 P. M. Local 26 Bowlers boarded their bus for home.

Everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon. Maybe next year the two teams can arrange for several matches, after all they are only about 40 miles or one hour's drive from one another. We are all looking forward to seeing the Local 26 Brothers again soon.

The 11th Annual Bowling Banquet will be held on Saturday May 28, 1955 at 7 P. M. in the Gold Room of the Park Plaza Hotel. This event will be sponsored by the members of the Bowling League.

Regarding "Can You Top This" which appeared in the Journal recently we submit the following:

George E. Eveson initiated
12/21/1900 55 years

James S. Eveson initiated
4/4/1930 25 years
George E. Eveson, Jr. initiated
12/18/1936 19 years
Albert L. Eveson initiated
5/5/1939 16 years
James S. Eveson, Jr. initiated
10/7/1949 6 years

Total years membership 121

Brother George Eveson has a brother that joined the Brotherhood about 1900, now on pension, from Local Union 5 Pittsburgh now living in Florida—Thomas Eveson.

The electrician always had a novel excuse for oversleeping. When he arrived late for work one morning, the foreman was laying for him. "What's the excuse this time?"

"Well," explained the man. "You remember yesterday I was late because my wife made me move the bedroom furniture all around. This morning when the alarm clock rang I raised my head to look over at myself in the mirror. I forgot we'd moved it, so when I didn't see myself I naturally figured I'd already got up and gone to work."

H. F. HAMILL, P. S.

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Youth Fetes Age In Syracuse, N. Y.

L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—My last contribution to "Local Lines" described in some detail the testimonial dinner arranged by the younger members of Local 43 in honor of the older "wheel horses" of the organization, those with more than 25 years of con-

Honor Washington, D. C. Veterans



When Local 26, Washington, D. C., honored its 50-year members and its apprentices recently, International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan was in attendance to extend his congratulations. At left he offers his best wishes to the honorees, who are from left, front row: Jack Shields, Monty Pollock, Joe Kelly (behind Pollock), Jim McQueen, and Roscoe McMahon, all 50-year members; Business Manager C. F. Preller, and President Creager. Back row: Apprentices Arthur Murray, Lawrence Hogan, Robert Redding, and Arthur McKnew. At right, Secretary Keenan addresses the members.



Presentation of the 50-year awards are made by Secretary Keenan to Jim McQueen and Joe Kelly, above left and right, and Roscoe McMahon and Jack Shields, below left and right.



tinuous service. While strictly a local union affair, and designed as a tribute of youth to age, it brought many favorable comments from other locals whose membership plan similar tributes to members of their own organizations. One of our own members—Jimmie McKay, who is as adept with the camera as he is with the tools of our trade—busied himself with his camera the night of the dinner and the results are shown by the photographs accompanying this letter.

We in Syracuse boast of it being a friendly city and no better evidence of its friendliness is needed than pictures of its social activities, especially when they have to do with Local Union 43 and its members. While shop parties are not uncommon, it is believed that the recent one "thrown" by the employees of the Bee Electric Company of Syracuse set a new high. Judging by the accompanying pictures taken by Jim McKay, Local Union 43's staff photographer, everyone had a good time and it is apparent that

the men of the party had no "corner" on the fun.

In order that as many of the pictures submitted as possible will be printed, I am making my written offering short, and, I have, sweet!

BILL NIGHT, P. S.

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Work in Area is Holding Up Well

L. U. 46, SEATTLE, WASH.—As

Real I.B.E.W. Family



This is Local 28's entry in the largest all-electrician family derby. They are the Evesons and their years of membership are given in the Baltimore local's letter. From left they are: George E., Jr.; James S., Jr.; James S., Sr.; Albert E. and George E., Sr.

your reporter sends in his bit about local doings, spring is trying hard to put in an appearance, but not succeeding very well. Flowers are blooming everywhere, fishing season is open, but the enthusiasm seems to be lacking and it can only be the weather. It is doggone chilly.

Before I go any further, let me correct a mistake that somehow slipped into this column a couple of months ago. I reported that the pay rate for Electronic Technicians in our Marine Yards was 20 cents an hour over that of journeyman marine electricians. The figure should have been 30 cents an hour.

Work in our area has been holding up pretty well, with the prospects for a good summer ahead. Our Skagit project is a bright star on the horizon and I will have more to say on that at a later date.

Right now most of our negotiating committees are in the process of negotiating or planning such, and by the time this appears in print many of you will be called upon to support these men. Remember, anyone can criticize, but please, fellows, put out a little effort once a year and be a booster when you are needed.

All of our members who attended the retirement party at Everett's Local 191 for Walt Gallant reported a fine evening and say they hope Walt will enjoy his well-earned vacation.

Two of our members who are looking forward to a similar vacation are Ed Connors and Ernie Person, who have applied for their pensions.

To all who have wondered how our Jury Duty Fund is working out, we can say that it is quite successful.

Our members, who should have the ordinary working man's attitude toward everyday problems, are now financially able to serve on various juries, and help the system work in the democratic manner in which it was designed.

Up to March 31, 1955, our three \$1.00 assessments, together with \$1300.96 in returned fees, netted us \$5798.28. Total disbursements to 15 members serving up to this date was \$4635.48, leaving an operating balance of \$1162.80. Although many corporations and a few unions have similar plans, we hope to see many more in the next few years.

Our wiremen who missed the talks on the History of the Labor Movement by Professor Gillingham of Seattle University sure missed a bet. This man can put across the facts in a way we are not accustomed to hear-

ing from college professors. Jim Filiart and his committee deserve our thanks for their "find."

Passing from our ranks since my last writing were Robert LaTour and George Mack. Their friends will surely miss them.

KNUTE MALLETT, P. S.

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Eulogy for Late President Tracy

L. U. 52, NEWARK, N. J.—We of Local 52 have composed a eulogy to the late President Emeritus Daniel W. Tracy, as we feel a special gratitude to him for all that he has accomplished for the Brotherhood.

It would please us immensely if you would publish it for us in your May edition.

"On March 22nd President Emeritus Daniel W. Tracy passed away. Probably very few members of the Brotherhood knew that Brother Tracy was an honorary member of Local Union 52, I.B.E.W., having been presented with a gold life membership card in Local 52 by President Horace J. Greeley on April 7, 1950, on his 64th birthday.

"We, the members of Local 52, feel that labor in general and the Brotherhood in particular, has lost a great champion.

"Brother Tracy always showed a great deal of sympathy and interest in the problems of the common man.

"In his dealings with local unions of the Brotherhood he was always ready to extend a helping hand and his advice was always friendly and constructive.

"Under the guidance of Brother Tracy, we believe that the I.B.E.W. reached new heights of achievement and became one of the greatest labor organizations the world has ever known.

"We, the members of Local Union 52, join with his family and all of or-

At Local 43 Testimonial



Among the large attendance at the special testimonial tendered the long-time members of Local 43, Syracuse, N. Y., were, from left: Business Manager Bill Butler; 40-Year Member Tom Keating; Mrs. Keating, and Local President William Quigley.

Attend New York Testimonial



These were three of the distinguished guests of Local 43, Syracuse, N. Y., on the occasion of the testimonial dinner given by the younger members for the local's old-timers. Left: Joseph Liggett, 3rd District Vice President; Center: Joseph Keenan, International Secretary and former director of Labor's League for Political Education. Right: Father McKeon, S.J., director of the School of Industrial Relations, Lemoyne College, Syracuse, the evening's principal speaker, at the microphone.



Members of Local 43 who were cited for 40 years of continuous good standing (above from left): Bob Kavanaugh, former business manager of the local; Edward Klee, and Joseph Barry. Below from left: Louis Richards; Jules (Skip) DeMong, and George Bates, with Nick Ferrante, right, president of the Building Trades Council and Secretary of the Syracuse Federation of Labor.



ganized labor in mourning the passing of this great labor leader.

(Signed)

HORACE J. GREELEY, *President*
LOUIS VEHLING, B. M.
JACOB A. TURNER, F. S.
RAYMOND J. GREELEY, R. S.
JOHN J. GILLIGAN

At the April 14th meeting of L. U. 52 our Treasurer, Edward Schroeder, presented his resignation from this office and made application for his pension. Brother Schroeder thus terminated an active membership in the Brotherhood which began in 1906 and a career of service to Local 52 which

dated from 1909 when he was elected to his first office, that of inspector of the local, and continued in various other offices to the present.

Brother Ed, upon presenting his resignation, recounted some of the experiences encountered during his 46 years as an officer and his 49 years

as a union man. The following is a brief transcript of his remarks and the positions held by him.

In the year 1909, Ed was elected inspector, 1910-1913 trustee of the Local, 1913 elected to position of financial secretary serving in this capacity for 19 years, 1914 one of founding delegates to New Jersey State Electrical Workers, 1917 appointed to first of many agreement committees, 1917 elected to first of 10 IBEW conventions, 1919 elected to Examining Board (formed system now in use), 1921 his duties as financial secretary were combined with those of business representative and served as same for 11 years during which time he policed the outlying districts on foot to assure that even the smallest residence was wired by union electricians. Incidentally, he was made honorary representative for the Lathers policing their territory gratis). In 1927, when a CPA audit was used to bring the records to date, said audit showed Ed had been more than correct as Financial Secretary—the Local owed him \$45.

Throughout the aforementioned years, Ed was also engaged in many other activities for the local. He originated our Unemployment Dues Relief Fund, worked out the classification system which we now use to rate our apprentices, was chairman of many dinner and dance and outing committees, was active in forming many of the present bylaws.

Ed concluded his remarks by saying that whatever service he rendered, particularly in the beginning, was possible largely through the cooperation of his wife who typed countless bylaws, agreements, assisted him in collecting dues, and etc.

After a rousing standing ovation, a series of motions were presented to honor Brother Schroeder for his service to the Brotherhood and the local. It was moved that he be presented a gold Life-Membership Card (an honor he shares with the late Dan Tracy) and that our next dinner dance be known as Ed Schroeder Night.

Brother Schroeder was visibly moved by these testimonials. It is to be hoped that this acknowledgement of his efforts will in some small way reimburse him for the energies he invested in Local 52 and its parent body, the IBEW.

FRANCIS MACKEY, P. S.

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Change-over Project Reaches Peak in K. C.

L. U. 53, KANSAS CITY, MO.—The huge change-over project of the Kansas City Power and Light Company's distribution system, seems to have reached its peak and we should see a leveling off process soon.

We have a large number of visiting

Job Well Done



Brother Ed Schroeder, treasurer of Local 52, Newark, N. J., about to close the books after 46 years of service to the membership.

Brothers with us without whose help this job could not have been accomplished. There is still much work to be done but it is pretty well lined out now and running smoothly. At our last local meeting, Business Manager A. S. Kendall, expressed his appreciation for the help our visiting Brothers have given us.

We enjoy meeting you Brothers and welcome your attendance at our local meetings. The controversial "Right-To-Work" bill suffered a severe blow today in our neighboring State of Kansas. Governor Hall showed remarkable courage in vetoing the bill which had passed both Senate and House by a comfortable margin. His was a hard decision, and labor is indebted to him for his action. The bill now goes back to the State Legislature where I hope it dies a natural death.

We are faced with the same bill in Missouri this fall, and may have the same fight as Kansas has had. Big business is putting a lot of money in this thing, which in itself is noteworthy. This is supposed to help the laboring people so the propaganda says, but I do not know of one labor organization that has endorsed it, do you? I hope Governor Hall's actions of today will have a lot of influence on some of our own citizens.

LEO F. HOYLE, P. S.

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New Working Pact For Detroit Local

L. U. 58, DETROIT, MICH.—Negotiations between representatives of Local 58 and the Detroit Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Asso-

ciation (this integrated group is more commonly referred to as the Joint Conference Committee) came to a satisfactory conclusion as the membership of Local 58 accepted proposed changes to the new agreement.

Changes in the new agreement could be generally grouped under three classifications; wages, vacation with pay and paid holiday benefits, and insurance benefits for the member and his family.

The hourly wage rate for journeyman electricians was increased from \$3.25 per hour to \$3.35 per hour, with a proportionate increase for foremen. The hourly wage rate for apprentices was increased 10 cents per hour for each of the eight six-month periods. Since apprentices attend school eight hours every two weeks, the 10 cent increase includes one cent (10 per cent) for school time, or an increase of nine cents per hour for each of the eight six-month periods.

The amount that the employer contributes into the members' Vacation and Holiday Fund was increased from six percent to seven percent of the gross pay of each member. This increase will make it possible to reduce the number of hours required per year by each member for receiving maximum benefits (maximum benefits being equal to two weeks vacation with pay and six paid holidays per year). Under the six percent expired agreement one had to accumulate 2250 working hours a fiscal year to receive maximum benefits. At seven percent these total hours will be decreased by approximately 17 percent. Approximately 1950 hours of work during the fiscal year will qualify one for receiving maximum benefits.

The employer continues to pay seven cents per hour into the Insurance Fund. The benefits to our membership covered by this fund, however, were increased. The life insurance policy for each insured member has been increased from \$1,000 to \$2,200. The 13 week sickness pay has been increased from \$30 to \$35 per week. Hospitalization benefits continue to cover the insured member and his immediate family on an around-the-clock basis.

An integral part of our wages is the one percent of gross pay contribution the employer makes into our pension fund.

The journeyman's wages including fringe benefits, effective on and after May 4, 1955 will be as follows:

Hourly Wage Scale	\$3.35
7 percent of gross for Vacation with pay and paid holidays	.2345
7 cents per hour insurance benefits	.07
1 percent pension benefits	.0335
Total	\$3.688

Activities of Detroit Local



Field personnel of Howard Electric, Detroit, who installed the electrical equipment for the WWJ TV channel 4 television broadcast unit. This project is located in the suburban area of Detroit. All electrical work was performed under the jurisdiction of Local 58, Detroit. Top row, left to right: Morris Anderson, Guy Mason, Bill Lang, Bill Lamere, Howard Hart, Paul Mason, Arne Syversen (foreman), and Bob Martin. Front row: Ralph Dinger, Bill Burrows, Joe Beckman, and Bill Ward.



Presenting championship trophy of the Detroit Building Trades Council Bowling League to Robert "Bob" Rushford, President of Local 58, is Captain Emerick "Sonny" Nuytten, of the Electrical Workers No. 2 team. Pictured are, back row, left to right: John Maser, Bob Hammond, and C. W. "Hap" Ehrler, Local 58 athletic director. Front row: Rushford, Capt. Nuytten, Frank Radtke, and John Bunetta.

How much did the new contract add to the economic welfare of each member? Let us list the benefits under the previous contract and make a comparison.

Hourly wage scale	\$3.25
6 percent of gross for vacation with pay and paid holidays	.1950
7 cents per hour insurance benefits	.07
1 percent pension benefits	.0325
Total	\$3.5475

Subtracting the old total (\$3.5475) from the total recently obtained (\$3.688) we obtain a difference of \$.1405, which represents the total increase obtained under the new contract.

JOHN MASER, P. S.

Committee's Early Start on Negotiations

L. U. 66, HOUSTON, TEXAS—Our wage and working agreement with the Houston Light and Power Company



Installing coaxial cable on the WWJ TV broadcasting tower in Detroit are Bill Ward and Ralph Dinger. This tower rose to the magnificent height of 1050 feet, highest in this area.

expires May 26th of this year. In order to have plenty of time to negotiate, a contract committee has

Banquet Follows Unit Conference



Following the sessions of the Local Unit Conference Committee held recently in the auditorium of Local 77, Seattle, Wash., the delegates enjoyed a friendly evening of dinner and dancing. A portion of the large crowd is shown.



already been appointed and has met several times to discuss and iron out some of the problems and inequities that now exist. At our last regular meeting our business manager, Brother Epperson was instructed to begin negotiations as soon as possible.

We elected Brother Smokey Schuwerk to attend the Progress Meeting at Fort Worth in May with our business manager, Brother Epperson. I understand Smokey decided later that he couldn't make it so our alternate, Brother Stanley Calvin will attend.

Welcome back from military service, Brothers Jack Heintschel and Billie W. Langford. Billie is a service dispatcher with the H. L. and P. Co.

We have recently started serving buffet suppers after each regular meeting. It is working out quite nicely in that it has helped the attendance some. We have also tried to invigorate the general enthusiasm of our members by having an occasional local dance. I would like to take the liberty to add that we should continue to seek means of obtaining the interest and general support of a greater percent of our members.

I regret to report the death of Brother F. C. Wilkinson on January 8th. He was one of our pensioned members and had been in our local since May 5, 1923. Brother Buck Godfrey died on January 8th. We will certainly miss him in that he was

always an active member of 66. Brother Godfrey had been a member of our local since January 15, 1942.

Again, I would like to ask any of our members who work at the various service centers and power plants to furnish me with any news or unusual events that you think will be interesting to others.

R. R. ANSLEY, P. S.

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Spring Brings Quincy Building Opportunities

L. U. 67, QUINCY, ILL.—Here in Quincy, during the winter we had plenty of basketball with our Quincy College Hawks, Quincy High Blue Devils and Notre Dame Raiders all going at top speed and reaching the sweet sixteen play off tournament. Baseball will start next and the Quincy Gems are shaping up to go south for training time and of course all of those mentioned above will have teams on the practice field.

According to the papers the building permits are being taken for homes, running into the thousands of dollars. Some are single homes while others go into housing projects, so I think building has started and will continue for quite a while.

All the ice is gone from the big river passing Quincy and the gourmet

boat has been through putting buoys and navigation lights along the river banks so the river traffic will start soon. That is quite a business; tow-boats going by Quincy, pushing three to six barges loaded with coal, automobiles, oil and gasoline and coming down stream loaded with grain from Illinois and Iowa to be shipped overseas. During the last weeks of March, the retail division of the Chamber of Commerce put on their annual Home and Builder's Show at the Quincy College Memorial Gymnasium. There were 51 exhibits and the admission was free. The attendance went into the thousands of people who visited the show, there were \$5,000 in prizes given away—something every night. Also, in the same month there was a heavy freezing spell and the apple and peach crops in the surrounding area were ruined, according to the reports in the paper. Now the orchard operators are going to ask the government for a loan to carry them until the next crop.

In regard to work here in Quincy; Highland and Riverside schools will build additions amounting to about \$125,000; St. John's Catholic School will be built this summer according to plans; Adams school is under construction. The high school plans have not been figured, but all grading and ground work has been completed, so when all these buildings get started there is going to be some work.

There will be election of officers this month, but more about this later.

R. H. LUBBERING, P. S.

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Conference Committee Meets in Seattle

L. U. 77, SEATTLE, WASH.—On March 26, 1955 the semi-annual Local Unit Conference Committee meeting was held in Local 77's Auditorium in Seattle. President H. S. Silvernale presided at the meeting. The morning session consisted of reports by the unit chairmen on activities in their units.

The afternoon session was given over to reports from the Business Office. Lloyd C. Smith, business manager, gave his report and then introduced his staff, who also gave reports. Vern Morris, legislative representative, gave a very interesting report on the recent session of the Washington State Legislature. The meeting was then opened for recommendations from the delegates to the Executive Board and the business manager. After a discussion under "Good of the Union" the meeting was adjourned. It was the opinion of those attending that this Local Unit Conference Committee meeting was one of the best in recent years.

Unit 103 Everett members employed by the West Coast Telephone Company put on a very successful dance March 19, 1955 at the Paine Field Officers' Club. Over 250 people from all parts of the state attended. The dance was financed by the sale of tickets; and a 21 inch television set, an electric frying pan and a sleeping bag were given away at a drawing. Mr. Lloyd C. Smith, business manager, donated an electric frying pan as a door prize. A midnight luncheon was served. The following committee members: Jeanne Kister and Eddie Husak, co-chairmen, Perry Sundin, Elaine Munson, Hilda Keefer, Gertrude McColl, Henry Conry, Dorothy Tallman and Eva Morris are to be congratulated for their efforts which resulted in a very successful dance. Unit 103 plans to put on further social events in the near future.

The Cowlitz Public Utility District agreement has been signed. It provides \$4.77 per month for a prepaid medical plan and 15 days vacation after five years service. The Grays Harbor Public Utility District 1955 agreement provides \$4.00 per month for a prepaid medical plan, plus 20 days vacation after 15 years service. The Lewis Public Utility District 1955 agreement provides \$4.50 per month for a prepaid medical plan and 15 days vacation after 10 years, and 20 days vacation after 15 years. The Snohomish Public Utility District 1955 agreement provides \$5.00 per month for a pre-paid medical plan. All the above-mentioned public utility districts have a journeyman lineman's scale of \$2.70 per hour.

GORDON L. SMITH, P. S.

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Job Opportunities Open in Norfolk

L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.—Our Apprentice School reports 12 apprentices ready for final exams in the very near future too, and it is our ardent hope there will soon be enough work to also absorb them at once. The Hampton Roads bridge-tunnel job will soon be

ready for a few men and good tidings come from the Hercules Powder Company and the paper mill at Plymouth, North Carolina.

Local 80 recently placed a softball team in one of the local leagues and we hope to have a picture and good news our next time at bat.

We are glad to report that Brother J. C. Fulford is back home from major surgery and doing well. "Hurry and get well Kewpie ole pal. When all this work breaks loose we're gonna need you badly."

It must be invigorating for those conscientious daily readers who at least try to keep their finger on the national pulse, to note that among the host of syndicated columnists throughout the land, "we the people" can boast of at least a small minority of writers who waive all "incidental" benefits and morally write the truth. Among this select group we nominate Drew Pearson as par excellent and feel that a few excerpts from a recent column (April 25, 1955) might arch the brow and redden the face of those self-styled "independent" Democrats of the last Presidential campaign, and make the erstwhile deep-freeze and mink coat seem the meek token of a humble beggar. The "mess" in Washington seems to have now really materialized while the 20 years of treason still remains a matter of conjecture.

So we, as briefly as is consistent, quote a few excerpts from Drew Pearson's article. "Not since January

11, 1954 has Secretary of Defense Wilson issued a list of the first 100 companies getting defense contracts. Since then the likable, persistent ex-General Motors head has issued no list, though urged by subordinates to do so. Instead, he has clamped an even tighter censorship on his department, which spends 70 percent of the taxpayers' money. This is what concerns newspaper editors now meeting in Washington already under attack by Harry Truman for not printing the truth about the Administration. General Motors was ordered to take over anti-aircraft gun production, cutting out American Car and Foundry . . . All these orders, direct from the Pentagon, were censored . . . The Defense Department is required by law to submit its contracts to competitive bidding. GM's Fisher Body Division was given a contract to make 757 vertical turret lathes at a cost of \$90,600 per lathe, though it had no experience in this field and though the Bullard Company of Bridgeport, Connecticut, an experienced firm, charged only \$38,000 . . . The contract went to General Motors on the recommendation of H. R. Boyer, a General Motor official loaned to the Government. His advice cost the taxpayers \$68,000,000."

Space doesn't allow further quotations. The above seems to be enough to prove the folly of excessive sentimental emotion whereby the self-styled "independent" Democrats turned big business loose on the public funds just like the unholy coalition in Congress turned big business loose on organized labor at the beak of its arrogant authors, Taft and Hartley.

At the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond on Sunday, April 17, the Richmond Diocesan Council of Catholic Women adopted a resolution calling for repeal of Virginia's "Right-to-Work" law. It takes the ladies to get things done.

All of the inequities that are now becoming manifest should prove the absence of one vital factor and that is the vote. Unless the members of organized labor exercise their right to vote, instead of using violent demonstrations resulting in loss of public sentiment, and help to choose liberal party leaders and unbiased legislators, the unethical tactics of the financial giants can only ultimately result in organized labor's total destruction and the eventual sad realization (by the unorganized groups) of the loss of the workingman's last stand.

We are glad to report that our popular Brother Alex Mutter is coming along fine and recovering nicely from a recent surgery. Hope you'll soon be able to go back to work, Alex, old Pal.

As the American Federation of La-

Too Late Now



"I wish I had become an 'A' member. I'd have \$50 a month pension now." So reads the caption under this cartoon drawn by Ralph Munson of Local 77, Seattle, Wash.

bor, a few years back endorsed political action as a means of maintaining an equal footing with all other national institutions, it seems that the average member of unions affiliated with the A.F.L., would be concerned with finding out why. Just like the members of other organizations do. Some ask: Is it to our advantage? Some expend every effort to comply with it but, the greatest majority show utter indifference. And there is also a minority of others; whose conjecture—undoubtedly born of idle fancy, is nevertheless quite amusing.

To try and imagine just what would happen if organized labor suddenly abolished the word union and adopted the word Association as its official designation. And seriously ask: Is it possible that a face-saving way out could then be devised without Congressional embarrassment or public resentment, while still using the present unorthodox procedure of biased exception on the part of one association, among a multitude of unrestrained others, when Constitutional privileges and immunities are in question? My answer to that one is: Such a rank departure is entirely within the realm of guessing and our best bet is to wholeheartedly and collectively concentrate on the inexorable conditions at hand.

Space doesn't allow a detailed description of the many anti-labor occurrences but we should all be quite familiar, by now, with two very detrimental labor restraints enacted during the elapsed time since the A.F.L. endorsed political action. The "right-to-work" law and its vicious no-strike amendment, which alone, should convince those who doubt the advantage and arouse those who are indifferent to political action. However, it seems that the net results

to date are only a crystal clear portrayal of "Turn the other cheek" or "Fiddle while Rome burns."

Primary elections are due in this state next July. (1955) What are we gonna do about that? Stand idly by and let the enemies of organized labor pick the candidate they want in office to run things their way, or are we going to try and nominate the candidate friendly to organized labor? It's just as simple as that. We either get consideration or we don't. So take your pick (and let's hope it ain't the old terra-firma pick). If the members of Organized Labor as a whole in this state, intend doing anything about abolishing the "right-to-work" Law, right now is the time to do it.

Muster all the votes you possibly can, family, relatives and friends. Be careful not to pay anyone else's Poll-Tax as that is a violation. Next, qualify both candidates by talking or writing to them. There is no violation in seeking a candidate's platform. In fact, there are many things to be done, too numerous to mention, but, which undoubtedly will reveal themselves to you, if you really are sincere. Luck to you, one and all. Make it a field-day for organized labor. Show em "it can be done." Things are popping (as usual) on the national front too. Poor old Johnny Q. Public, he just can't figure out who really is high man on the Republican totem pole. What, with Knowlands' Foreign-Policy, McCarthy's executive defiance, Humphrey's financial anecdotes, Dulles' defiant Yalta expose, Dixon-Yates push-over, Hughes "Balancing the Budget," Squirrels digging holes etc, etc. "Who in the world could figure it out?"

So long.

J. V. (JOE) HOCKMAN, P. S.

Labor-Management Meeting



This was the scene recently when the members of Local 111, Denver, Colo., and the management of the Shoshone Plant met for a Labor-Management Relations Meeting. Identifications are given in the accompanying letter.

Stage Fifty-fifth Anniversary Party

L. U. 106, JAMESTOWN, N. Y.—Local No. 106 has plenty of news which should have been attended to earlier than this, but anyway, here we go!

Did you hear the latest? Two real red-hot wiremen in Local 106 put a service in the wrong house! Yep, seems like it took the landlord and the boss to get them out of the place!!!

Stenstrom and Company just came out with their 1955 edition—another boy! Congratulations Mom and Pop!

Of course April 23rd is the big night in Local 106's book. It marks the 55th Anniversary of our beginning. By the time this is in print it will be all over, but I'll bet they'll still be shouting about it. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate everyone who had anything to do with the committees of the affair. Up to this point, they have all done a wonderful job and the affair should go down as perhaps the best one we have ever had. Tex Greer, Pappy Pihl, Bill Pihl, Larry Sundquist—just for the committee heads—salutes to all of you!!

Three new journeymen in Local 106 passed their local exams last month and last week passed their city license tests—proof positive again of the value of the apprentice training program Local 106 has in its organization. The new journeymen are Jim Clement, Charles Sundquist and Ben Dawson.

We all are happy to hear that L. Boardman once again has rejuvenated himself and is going to return once more to the tools. He has gone to work for Kie Neubauer Electric Company. That's where his kid, Bud, works. Pretty soon it'll be Boardman and Son instead of Neubauer Electric???

Guess we forgot all about Paul Wahlstrom getting married! He never told anyone, just went off one day—a Saturday—and got hitched! Heck of a note—didn't even give us an opportunity to celebrate!!

Hello to all you boys away from town, things aren't too good here at this time. If anything good turns up, call Carl Pihl and Ben Dawson. We're ready to go.

BEN DAWSON, P. S.

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Fisherman's Paradise Surrounds Local 111

L. U. 111, DENVER, COLO.—Glenwood Springs, Colorado is the headquarters and home of the members of Unit 8 of Local Union 111. It is appropriate at this time, the eve of another Colorado trout

fishing season, to write a few words about this "sportsman paradise." As a matter of fact, I can think of very little else, as I mope around checking my gear for the tenth time, and picking up gadgets now and then which are guaranteed to catch fish. Say, I ran across a dandy the other —oops I am getting off the track! Back to Glenwood Springs, the county seat of Garfield county—altitude 5,758 feet population approximately 5,000 lucky people. It is located at the confluence of the Roaring Fork and the Colorado Rivers on Colorado's Western Slope, just 175 miles west of Denver. It is the headquarters for the White River National Forest, the largest National Forest in Colorado. Glenwood is virtually surrounded with such famous fishing as the White River and Trappers Lake, the Roaring Fork and Frying Pan Rivers, the Grand Mesa with its hundreds of lakes and the Colorado and Eagle Rivers.

The members of Unit 8 are employed at the Shoshone Hydro Plant, which is located on the Colorado River in the heart of Glenwood Canyon, and about seven miles above Glenwood Springs. The canyon, one of the outstanding scenic attractions of Colorado is trenched through sedimentary rock and underlying granite for 15 miles, and its sheer walls rise over 1000 feet in places over the foaming river. A concrete dam diverts water through a 2.7 mile tunnel to the hydro plant which supplies Denver with light and power.

The dam and that stretch of water in the canyon is the thing that always catches my eye when I go over there. Boy I could go on for hours about that country, but I better leave something for their Chamber of Commerce to talk about.

Shoshone Plant was the location at which the last Labor Management Relations Meeting took place, and it was reported to have been very satisfactory. These meetings were started about three years ago for the purpose of better understanding of each other's problems, thereby making their solution easier. The meetings have proven their worth in results obtained and those members who have attended the meetings have reported very satisfactory results. Members who attended the last meeting from Local Union 111 were Paul Toomey, Charles L. Kelley, R. D. Burkholder, George G. Van Gaalen, Adolph T. Verdick, William Treve- than, Jack Carrington, of Unit Eight at Glenwood, Fred H. Kettunen and Joseph J. Manly of Unit Nine of Leadville and Dillon; and Dave Easton and Paul Ducey of Denver. The accompanying picture was taken at the meeting.

Attempting to ferret out some news pertaining to uranium interests held by some of our members I attended

PRESS SECRETARY *of the Month*



William H. Anderson

This month our Press Secretary of the Month salute goes "way down east" to Portland, Maine, where William H. Anderson has been serving L. U. 576 so competently as "Local Lines" correspondent for two years.

Brother Anderson was born in South Berwick, Maine and has lived in South Portland nearly all his life and attended public school there.

Unit 7's meeting at Idaho Springs. They had a very interesting meeting and I was informed by the chairman, Ford Craig, that it was poor time to look for a story up there, but he would guarantee lots of them after May 21. I wonder what he meant?

L.L.P.E. is now conducting its annual drive for memberships for 1955, which funds are used in the promotion of the interests of organized labor through legislation. It is as essential to the welfare of labor, as membership itself. President Harry Craven has delegated every shop steward of the local to contact each member to give him an opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause. Don't wait for him to look you up, go see him and get your membership cards as soon as possible.

Joe Dillingham, Executive Board member from Unit 2, and Keith Lowry, active member of Unit 2 who has served on many committees, have both been promoted to executive foreman. President Craven extended his thanks to them for their past services to the union, and we all wish them the best in their new jobs.

Joe Schrefer, working foreman in the Pressure Regulation Department has retired after 30 years of service. Joe plans to do some traveling and as always plenty of hunting and fishing. Milo Vuyovich, gas street de-

partment fitter, also has taken a well deserved retirement. Milo plans to do a little traveling and visiting. We know you fellows will enjoy your retirement, and don't forget to drop around once in a while to see the old gang.

partment fitter, also has taken a well deserved retirement. Milo plans to do a little traveling and visiting. We know you fellows will enjoy your retirement, and don't forget to drop around once in a while to see the old gang.

Negotiations on a new agreement with the Public Service Company are now well under way with the aid of M. B. "Buster" Keeton, International Representative. We look forward to an agreement which will advance the interests of the members of Local Union 111 as have all previous agreements.

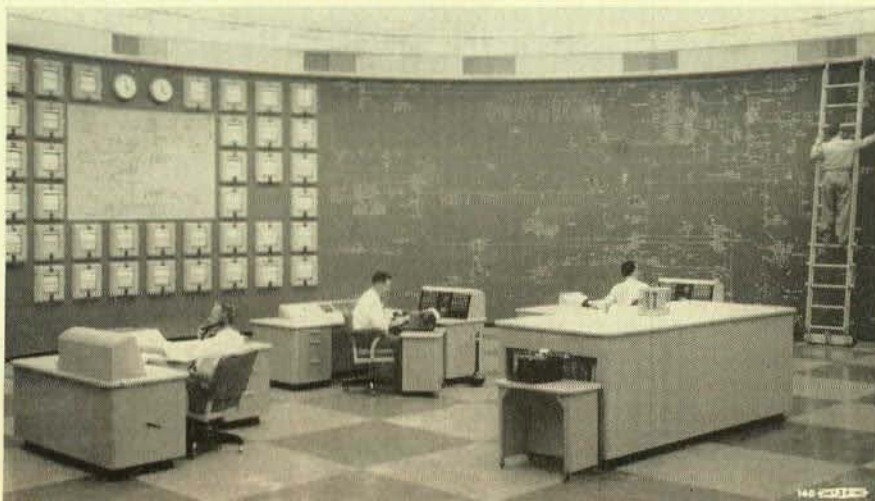
Upon closing, I would like to request of a Brother, Andrew Kuchak, of the "Siberian Gas Co.," in behalf of the scores of scientific fishermen of this local union, that he cease and desist the practice of going fishing at any place or anytime, and with completely unorthodox methods and equipment, drag fish from their abode in an unconscious and carfree manner which belittles the almost fruitless efforts of his more scientific companions. Such practice, if continued, may result in your deportation back to Pennsylvania, from whence you came, and where fishing may be looked upon as a method of procuring food instead of a fine genteel art.

Brother Anderson is married and has a 16-year-old son, William III, and a daughter, Susan, aged 12.

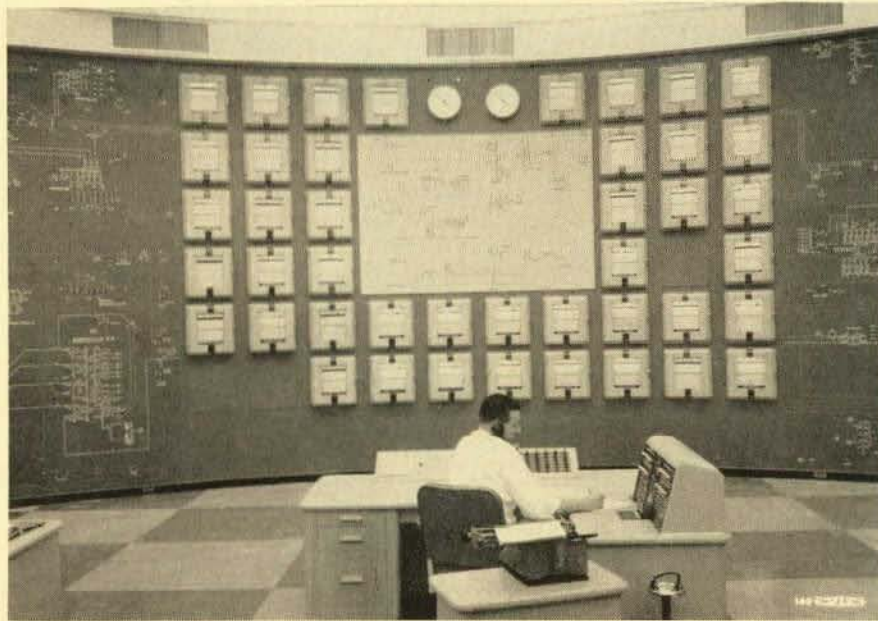
We are glad to pay tribute to L.U. 567's press secretary this month and urge him to keep up his good work for his union and community.

CHARLES BARRY, P. S.

Bonneville Control Center



Luxurious is the word for the Bonneville Power Administration's Central Dispatching Center at Portland, Ore., employing members of Local 125. The view above shows the center telemetering panel, the annunciator panel and the right hand (eastern section) of the dispatching board. Gilbert Illingworth, Vern Bonner and Walter Dressler are at desks. Below is seen a closeup of the center telemetering and annunciator panels with Senior Dispatcher Vern Bonner at the controls.



Compares Goals of Communism, Christianity

L. U. 116, FORT WORTH, TEX.—The members of Local Union 116 were very sorry to hear about the death of our past president, Brother D. W. Tracy. Much has been said with regard to the things he did for organized labor and especially his merits and deeds while President of our Brotherhood, so I will not try to add to all those things already said, about that great union leader—only that we shall miss him very much.

I listened to a very good sermon preached by the pastor at the church I attend. It concerned two stars—

the white star of Christianity and the red star of communism. In comparing the two stars the pastor pointed out the beliefs and workings of the two and what held the two together. While listening to that sermon I could not help but think and compare our organization along the same lines.

Communism has only one thing to look toward and only one goal to achieve. The reason it is as strong as it is, is that its members have 100 percent belief in their ideals, and attend their meetings and take an active part in their organization.

Christianity has many goals to achieve, but its main purpose is for all to believe in our Almighty God. Certainly this goal has prospered as

you can see by the great multitudes that attend the church of their choice each Sunday.

Unionism also has many goals to achieve and has much to offer the peoples of the world. Our union offers a man the best in working conditions, a high scale of wages, and security in the form of a pension when he is too old to work. Attendance at your local union meetings can help better all these things and by attendance, our local unions can make themselves known in the respective towns in which they are located.

Communism is attempting to infiltrate our churches and our local unions. If you will but put forth the effort, the same as they do, we can make our churches and our local unions the greatest in the world. Let's all attend our local union meetings and attend the church of our choice each Sunday.

Work in this area is some better. We have most of our membership working. From the reports I have received all of them will be out on jobs within the next month.

Seems like sickness and accidents have plagued our local. Almost every meeting there are two or three new ones reported on the sick list. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Congratulations goes to one of our fair contractors who has won his second prize in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance Lighting Awards. The first was on the lobby lighting of the W. T. Waggoner Building and the second on the flood lighting of the First National Bank Building. Congratulations Bob Moser, owner of the Moser Electric Company and to the men who performed the work. I hope to have a good report from our Agreement Committee next time. Until then—

HOWARD H. HART, P. S.

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National Pastime Invades Kansas City

L. U. 124, KANSAS CITY—Baseball crazy! That's what Kansas City is this spring—just baseball crazy! Its first major league team returned from a four-game losing streak last week and were met at the airport by 5,000 cheering fans. Can you tie that? And every home game sees the new baseball stadium jam-packed with a howling mob. Incidentally, the building crafts got a big hand for completing the job in 90 days in spite of material shortages and other delays. George Hainline, the local's number one fan and an old baseball player himself, is maintenance man at the new park.

It becomes our sad duty to report the death of one of our oldest and most valued members, Hugh S.

"Mick" O'Neill. Brother O'Neill was widely known in the labor world because of his many years as a union official. He was International Representative for our Brotherhood in this district for many years and its growth can be traced in no small degree to his efforts. Later he became the business manager for the Kansas City Central Labor Union which position he held until his retirement about two years ago. We have lost a loyal friend, a wise counselor, a true Brother.

Work has been thinner the past winter than it has been for a number of years. While employment has been quite good as compared with the years "before the war" there has been some lost time, and there are no major projects in the immediate future. We'll go along with the Republicans and call it a normal year—that is, a normal Republican year.

News items are a bit scarce this month, but who are we to say what will be of interest? Unemployed Brothers in other states peruse Local Lines seeking prospects for work. Our own members, active and retired, in far away places watch for the Kansas City letter to see familiar names and places. Many locals have some earnest members like our own Joe Morasch who go through the correspondence section hunting for ideas and methods to improve their own locals. Joe has always been forward-looking. Many of our most proficient journeymen owe much to the deep personal interest he took in their apprenticeship training during his many years on the educational board. The strength and the hope of the Brotherhood lies in the forward-looking men like Joe Morasch.

MARSHALL LEAVITT, P. S.

Control Center Feeds Power to Northwest

L. U. 125, PORTLAND, ORE.—The newest and one of the most modern power dispatching centers in the world was placed in service at 8:00 a.m. January 22, 1955, when the Bonneville Power Administration began dispatching of the Northwest Federal Power System from its new center located on the second floor of the Interior Department building in Portland, Oregon.

Into this main center flows a continual stream of information pertaining to the availability of power, loads, and distribution of electricity throughout the Northwest. With these facilities and information, the dispatchers in effect represent the heart of the Northwest Federal Power System, and are able to continually watch the pulse and measure the general health of an electric system

extending from the west coast into Montana, and from Southern Oregon to the Canadian border, an area of over 200,000 square miles.

The Bonneville Power Administration represents the Federal System in the area and accounts for about 42 percent of the total Northwest Power Pool capacity. Bonneville Power Administration also represents the main backbone grid throughout the Northwest into and through which other Northwest utilities integrate their resources by means of numerous interconnections with each other and into the Federal system.

The interconnected utilities combined are known as the Northwest Power Pool and have a combined peaking capacity of over seven million kw., of which about 90 percent is hydro and 10 percent steam electric and miscellaneous resources. The total resources consist of 115 hydro plants and 15 steam plants.

To obtain the maximum benefits of such a far flung and complex system involving so many utilities, a multitude of information and instant communication with these other utilities is necessary. This new dispatching office is the receiving and communicating center for this intelligence.

From this center the dispatchers issue orders for generation and the distribution of energy received from all Federal Power plants now in operation and all Federal plants to be placed in operation in the future. Switching of the Federal transmission system consisting of over 6,800 miles of high voltage lines and 168 sub-

stations with a transformer capacity of over seven million KVA is directed from this center. All clearances for the maintenance and construction of BPA lines and equipment as well as the direction of transmission line patrols during trouble emanate from this office. With the information available generation is regulated to produce the maximum efficient use of water. Transmission lines and electrical equipment loadings can be continually watched and safely regulated.

When one first enters this new center his eyes are attracted to the colorful semi-circular green board 13 feet 6 inches high and one hundred and eight feet long built on a 26 foot radius. On each side of the center section is a schematic drawing of the Administration's transmission system with color coded mystik tape to show each major electrical facility down to small voltage switches and the voltage level at which it is energized. The board is made from one-eighth inch aluminum plate, mounted on a steel frame and backed with one inch fiberglass to prevent sound reflection. The aluminum plate was prepunched with holes on one-quarter inch centers so that colored plastic pins with a steel shaft could be inserted for tagging the board to indicate condition or position of the equipment. Access to the higher section of the board is reached by an aluminum ladder of "shoe store type," which traverses the entire length of the board and is supported by an overhead raceway.

On the center section of the board are mounted two 24-hour clocks, one on system frequency and the other slaving for a master clock which is regulated from the Bureau of Standards radio time signal originating in station WWV, Arlington, Va.

Below the clocks is an annunciator map approximately six by eight in size. This is a schematic map of the highest voltage system only (230 KV. and above.). Each high voltage automatic oil switch on the system is represented by a remote controlled light located in its exact relative position on the system. When any of these switches are operated the light representing the operated switch lights up thus keeping the dispatcher advised at all times of the exact condition of the system. It is planned to eventually superimpose supervisory control on these switches so that the main system Federal transmission grid can be controlled from the dispatcher's office.

Around this annunciator map and on the two end section panels of the board are mounted 59 curve drawing telemetering instruments. Each instrument provides a visual indication of the instantaneous quantity measured and a graphic record of the previous quantities. These instru-

"Weather Flame"



A giant "Weather Flame" atop the El Paso Natural Gas Company will forecast the weather in a unique manner thanks to the skill of these members of Local 134, Chicago. They are named in their local's letter.

Projects for Elmira Local 139



These building projects have added to the job opportunities which have kept members of Local 139, Elmira, N. Y., satisfactorily occupied this season.

ments make available such information as generating plant loading, transmission line loading, voltage, frequency, power requirements in several major geographical areas, power flowing over each of the points of interconnection between the Federal system and the interconnected utilities and other information from major points on the system. The intelligence represented on these instruments is brought into the dispatching office via microwave (ultra high frequency beamed radio), carrier current channels, Telephone Company leased lines or a combination of one or more of these communication facilities.

The most essential requirement for dispatching any power system is a complete and adequate communication network to all parts of the system. BPA has employed a communication network consisting of microwave, carrier current, leased lines, and ultra high frequency, very high frequency and medium frequency radio circuits. These circuits extend to all vital parts of the Federal system, to the dispatching offices of the other Northwest Power Pool members and to mobile equipment operating throughout the entire area. To condense this multitude of communications into a compact control point so that they can be available to one man, simply controlled and yet take up only a small portion of his desk, was accomplished by the installation of a telephone company especially designed 508-A dispatcher's telephone system. This small compact turret is in reality a switchboard condensed to 34 inches by 12 inches by 13 inches dimensions, and one of these is on each of the three dispatchers' desks. They are capable of terminating 80 lines with four patching circuits for connecting through calls. The turret is also equipped with the necessary lights to be properly supervised and with the proper switches to transfer lines to a PBX board in the building or to cut lines off from this PBX. These boards are unique in that all types of lines including microwave, carrier, leased, PBX, radio, central

office and tie-lines can be terminated or patched through it, and also work in tandem with a conventional switchboard. The boards are also wired so that every conversation can be recorded. Some idea of the complexity of installing such a compact, yet complex telephone center can be had when one realizes that to condense so much communications control in such a small space necessitated the extension of over 1800 wires into each dispatcher's desk and approximately 100,000 soldered connections in the telephone racks located behind the dispatching board.

The continuity of electric service from one source of supply cannot be guaranteed 100 percent reliable. To guard against the remote possibility of a power outage to such a vital nerve center, a series of large capacity batteries and a 100 kva diesel driven generator have been installed in the basement of the building as an alternate source of power. Full rest room facilities, a kitchen and a bunk room are provided for the convenience of the dispatchers and to maintain extended shifts when the occasion arises.

To provide the proper lighting that will keep reflection, shadows and light contrast to a minimum and maintain approximately 90-foot candles on the dispatcher's desks a combination of both direct and indirect types were employed. The general or indirect lighting consists of a large number of fluorescent units mounted above a corrugated, translucent, luminous, plastic ceiling. Direct lighting consists of fluorescent units installed around the perimeter and directed on the board by parabolic reflectors. The general effect of this lighting is very pleasing in that nowhere in the room can shadows be seen and eye fatigue is maintained at a minimum.

The green board with its multi-colored system diagram, the bay colored telemetering instruments and annunciator panel, blond furniture with the white or snow colored indirect lighting and the rose and gray checker-board rubber tiled floor all blend into a beautifully designed

room and a delightful place in which to work.

The office is continually manned around the clock on three eight-hour shifts with three dispatchers and an outage dispatcher on duty during the day shift and two dispatchers on both the swing and graveyard shifts. These men are all members of L.U. 125, IBEW.

L.U. 125 in conjunction with several other craft unions which have members employed by the Bonneville Power Administration form the Columbia Power Trades Council which in turn has held an agreement with the Administration since 1945. Through a committee of this Council negotiations have been conducted each year in a very satisfactory and pleasant manner. IBEW members far outnumber the total of all other craft union members under the jurisdiction of this agreement, and by reason of this fact the IBEW takes the leadership in its execution. Through the efforts and cooperation of all concerned; i.e., our Business Manager and his Assistant, our International Representative, Representatives of other unions of the council, the Bonneville Power Administration management and its labor relations officer and the members themselves, labor relations have been established and maintained at an exceptionally high level.

FLOYD D. PARKER, P. S.

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Unique Installation Forecasts Weather

L. U. 134, CHICAGO, ILL.—We are sending you a picture of a most unique, illuminated sign, designed to simulate a giant gas flame, built in the Chicago plant of the Federal Sign and Signal Corporation. It is approximately 500 times the size of the flame on an ordinary cooking range. It will carry no advertising but will forecast changing weather conditions with colored neon and fluorescent tubing built into the solid stainless steel and plastic structure.

The 21 by 9 foot "Weather Flame" will show blue-white for no change in weather, rose for warmer, and gold for colder; blinking of the lights will signify precipitation. The five-ton sign utilizes 2,000 feet of Zeon tubing, a new form of gaseous lighting, five and one-half times more powerful than conventional neon. It is reportedly the only such sign in existence. It is to be installed atop the new El Paso Natural Gas Company building by the Federal Sign Company of Texas in Dallas—they will also service the unit.

It was fabricated by members of Local Union No. 134, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers employed by the Federal Sign and Signal Corporation at 8700 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

The electrical workers shown in the picture are—Top, Brother Joseph Alberti; bottom (l. to r.), Brother John Hageman, Brother Carmen Montalto and Brother Walter Watkin.

ROBERT E. SCHAEFER, P. S.

Extended School Program Provides Full Employment

L. U. 139, ELMIRA, N. Y.—At this time we would like as a body to pay our respects to our late and esteemed President D. W. Tracy.

His undying efforts for organized labor has left its mark. It has left a goal for those of us remaining. The words describing the work and worth of past President Tracy fail, as his chief interest was the welfare of those in the Brotherhood. Truly we shall miss his guidance.

We here in Elmira, New York have been fortunate to have had considerable work in our territory. There are several projects to start in the very near future. Our work has chiefly been an extended school building program.

We are enclosing a photo of our new Sears and Roebuck building.

The electrical work on this job is being done by Terwilliger Electric Company. The contract is for \$100,000.

We have been informed that this is the first Sears building on which all the electrical equipment has been furnished by the Electrical Contractor.

Raymond Kieffer is foreman. Men on the job are as follows: Joe Clements Jr., Walter Crieghton, Joseph Devon, Nick Marino, Paul Reinbold, Lee Walton and Ward Youmans.

We are also enclosing a photo of the Arnot Ogden Hospital addition.

The general contract on this hospital is \$1,500,000. The electrical work in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

The addition will house 82 beds plus an extended X-ray room Laboratory, personnel and administration room.

The electrical work is being handled by Stephen Bednarik.

The foreman is Elmer Daily and the men on the job are: Paul Halloran, Floyd Janoski, Harry Jaques, A. Kamas, Gilbert Michaels, John Michaels, Robert Patterson and Richard Roberts.

LESTER R. SWANK, P. S.

Pa. Marine Hero Given Final Burial

L. U. 142, PITTSBURGH, PA.—Two of our members were laid to rest during the past month. Brother John R. Gordon, USMCR, killed in action at Kotori, Korea, on December 9, 1950, was buried on April 9. Brother Nick Salicce, a retired member of the Local was buried on April 6. We offer our condolences to the bereaved families.

Mike Butch, condenser cleaner from the Island, retired the first of April, after 36 years of service. We wish Brother Mike many years of enjoyable retirement.

The picnic of Locals No. 42 and No. 148 has been scheduled at Kenywood Park for SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1955. Let's all plan to attend. I'm sure the committee will see to it that you have a good time.

Ken Raynes, Earl Vevers, Harvey Cook and Jim Lawlor attended the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor Convention in Scranton as delegates from the local.

The local has been holding monthly meetings for the officers, stewards and executive board members. The meetings have been well attended and very educational.

It is now time for LLPE. What is LLPE? It's Labors League for Political Education. When your steward or officer asks you for a \$1.00 donation, don't give him a hard time. Stop and think how much you need someone in a political office to protect you and your rights as a trade unionist. Senators Duff and Martin recently voted for a very nice increase in salary for themselves. When it came time for a vote to give you and me a \$20.00 reduction in taxes, they voted "no." Are they the kind of people you want to represent you? Representative Agnew of Aspinwall introduced a bill in the state assembly this week to prohibit local unions from owning stocks. You people on the north side of the river just elected this man to office. Do you think his proposed bill is fair to you?

Get your suggestions for contract changes in to your stewards and officers as soon as possible. Negotiations will start in August. Our contract is wide open this year.

Vacation time is here again. Let's remember, especially you wives at

home, more accidents occur in the home than any other place. Don't only preach safety, but practice safety.

Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy.

HARVEY C. COOK, P. S.

Work Prospects Fair For Decatur Local

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—Spring has officially arrived here in the Midwest, but to look outside at the ice and snow at this writing you would never know. I read in the paper this evening about the loss of the entire peach crop in Southern Illinois. Eight million dollars worth down the drain, and we in Central Illinois think we have troubles!

Most of the boys of Local 146 have been kept busy throughout the past winter, although a few have lost some time, due to seasonal slump. All indications point to a fair amount of activity as soon as the weather permits. Here is hoping, anyhow, as we still have about two-thirds of a building to pay for.

It is time to get busy with that garden planting which you have been planning all winter. The rest of you lazy bums (including me) can get out your fishing gear and golf clubs and take advantage of the warm spring days which will be with us by the time you read this.

I was surprised recently to learn that the members of the telephone union also get our JOURNAL and read our articles occasionally. Of course, the local utility company union is also affiliated with the IBEW and also receive our JOURNAL. It makes us very happy that they consider our 146 literary efforts worth their time and trouble to read.

Ed White has recovered from his recent illness and is now back at work. Howard Pruitt has left the trade temporarily, on the advice of his physician, and will assist his brother selling real estate. We sincerely hope he will do well, both physically and financially.

We are indeed sorry to lose another of our old-timers to California. Fred Ullom and wife have joined their sons in the sunshine state. Our loss is California's gain, of course.

We understand Henry Platzbecker has returned to Decatur, but do not know what his plans are yet. Veteran Ray Wiley has made application for his union pension, and we understand, is retiring as city electrical inspector in the near future. The best wishes of all the members go out to this quiet-spoken, mild-mannered gentleman, who never failed to greet a Brother member in a cordial, friendly manner.

At our last regular meeting the

Outstanding Apprentice



A young man who received part of his training in Germany has been cited as the outstanding apprentice of Local 159, Madison, Wis. His name is Gerhard Schmidt and he is shown here, second from right, receiving his award. Also pictured are, from left: John Karsten, steamfitter apprentice award runner-up; Julian Johnson, president of the Madison Mechanical Contractors' Association; E. R. Stage, Association executive secretary, and Norman Christenson, plumbing apprentice runner-up.

members voted to contribute ten dollars to the Elizabeth Kenny Polio Foundation. They also voted to donate the same amount to the Macon County Chapter of the Illinois Association for the Crippled, Inc.

Business Manager Kohli reported on his recent trip to Washington as delegate from Decatur representing the Decatur Building and Trades Council at the national meeting held from March 6 to 10 inclusive. We feel that much good was accomplished by the direct method of contact employed by the delegates in reaching the attention of their respective Representatives and Senators regarding legislation bearing on labor and labor problems. Delegates came away feeling that a much better understanding of the corrective measures needed on present labor laws was conveyed to the nation's lawmakers, through the combined efforts of the convention's representatives.

In our recent local elections, we are proud to say, the candidates backed by Labor's League for Political Education won a 100 percent victory. Our new mayor and four councilmen, one a holdover from the previous administration, were backed by the League, and were elected. To our way of thinking, this is concrete proof of the power that labor can wield in securing the election of desirable candidates, starting at the local level.

Ray Wiley, one of Local 146's charter members, and city electrical inspector for the past 20 years, is retiring May 1st, and his position will be filled by another very capable Local 146 Brother, Mel Williams. Mel has served as our president since last election, and has done a wonderful

job, but since his appointment as city electrical inspector he felt he should vacate the position of president of the local. In view of his decision, the members voted to install Mervil Logue as president for the balance of Mel's term. At the same meeting the vacancy on the Executive Board caused by the leaving of Brother Fred Ullom, was filled by the appointment of Bob Scherer to finish Fred's unexpired term of office.

Henry Platzbecker, who recently suffered a severe attack of pneumonia, and was hospitalized for some time, is reportedly recovering, and is expected to return to work about next week. Bill Steele says he expects his parents to return from California about the twentieth of May. According to Bill, they expect to remain throughout the summer.

Business Manager Kohli also informed members that a House Wiring Agreement has been signed, subject to approval of the International Office. He also has a Motor Shop Agreement signed, subject to the same approval. Well, boys, this about wraps it up for this time.

BOB WAYNE, P. S.

Outstanding Apprentice Cited in Madison, Wis.

L. U. 159, MADISON, WIS.—Gerhard Schmidt, a member of IBEW L. U. 159 of Madison, Wisconsin, received the Madison Mechanical Contractors Association Fourth Annual Outstanding Mechanical Apprenticeship Award at a dinner held at the Nakoma Golf Club in Madison on March 14. Representatives of the

Wisconsin Industrial Commission, Madison Vocational School, Electricians L. U. 159, Steamfitters L. U. 394, Plumbers L. U. 167, and contractors from all the branches of the mechanical industry were in attendance.

Mr. Schmidt received electrical apprentice training in Germany from 1946 to 1949, at which time returned to Madison where he was born and lived until he was three years old. After service in Korea in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953, he entered apprenticeship training in Madison, working first for Cirves Electric Company and then for R. J. Nickles, Inc., both members of the Madison Chapter—National Electrical Contractors Association. In recognition of his fine work on the job, in Vocational School and on special tests given, he was awarded a Certificate of Merit and a gold watch. The two runners-up, John Karsten, steamfitter apprentice, and Norman Christenson, plumbing apprentice, each received awards.

The Certificate of Merit and gift are presented each year by the MMCA, composed of plumbing, heating, electrical and pipe covering contractors, to the outstanding apprentice from the plumbing, heating or electrical field. Three of the four annual Certificates of Merit which have been awarded have gone to electrical apprentices. In 1951 the award was won by Reginald Nachreiner and in 1953 by Damon Bryant, both of Madison L. U. 159, IBEW. George Jacobs, President of the Madison Chapter, NECA, and a member of the Board of Directors of the MMCA, stated: "Many fine boys competed for the award, and we of the electrical industry are proud of the fact that one of our apprentices was again chosen as the outstanding mechanical apprentice of the year."

A. W. BAHR, F. S.

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Give Party for Retiring Member

L. U. 160, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—We are enclosing a picture of members of Local 160, who attended a recent farewell party for Brother Dean H. Reynolds, chief operator of the Northern States Power Company, Riverside Steam Station, when he retired after more than 42 years of service. Farewell party committee members, Fred Anklaam and Cliff Flasker, climaxed the affair by presenting Brother Reynolds with an outboard motor, a gift of his co-workers in the company's electrical operating section, Minneapolis Division. Those in the picture are: Back row, left to right: G. Hodgson, H. Gulstrand, H. Snow, J. Opsahl, G. Noble, F. Schramek, A. Kolderie, H.

Farewell to Brother Reynolds



Gathering to bid farewell to retiring Brother Dean H. Reynolds are these members of Local 160, Minneapolis, Minn. Their names are given in the local's letter.

Leonard, H. Sherman; Middle row: H. Brandis, F. Anklaam, E. Koester, C. Anderson, T. Zaluski, R. Brown, G. Headrick, H. Locke, J. Parry, E. Carroll, C. Martin; Front row: H. Kjelberg, E. Fuller, W. Brown, O. Neiman, D. Reynolds, E. Carlson, J. O'Connor, J. Ridgway, J. Watts, S. Gunn, and M. Riley.

W. W. TEASDALE, Pres.

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First Loss Through Death to Warren Local

L. U. 174, WARREN, PA.—It is with sorrow that Local Union No. 174 makes the announcement of its first loss of membership through death of a member.

Norman Ahlgren, business agent, passed to his great reward on February 21, 1955. A veteran of World War I, Norm also was a great union man. He was a charter member and an officer of Local 174, 20 of its 29 years.

May he rest in peace.

Traveling members of Local 174 please contact your local secretary and leave with him your present address.

EDGAR L. BESSETTE, P. S.

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Profile of 50-Year Joliet, Ill., Man

L. U. 176, JOLIET, ILL.—Now that one of our long-time members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers has become eligible for his 50-year "Badge of Honor" as of April 6, 1955, the following may be of some interest to the readers of

our own publication THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL.

Our jubilarian, Harry A. Rubens, born November 14, 1887 has been enjoying his IBEW pension membership since December 1952 at age sixty-five, having been a member in continuous good standing for nigh onto forty-seven years on the date of being eligible for and becoming a "Pensioner."

Brother Rubens says he finds your "QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS" column very interesting and of much educational value to those who seek to widen their scope of operation . . . likewise your "BACK TO SCHOOL

FOR THE BROTHERHOOD" article in the December 1954 issue.

Rubens claims any and all things electrical fascinated him from kindergarten up to the night school he attended . . . learning the theory in electricity while working during the day as an electrician's apprentice. During World War I he attended the electrical class at Fortress Monroe, "Old Point Comfort," Virginia, at the "Coast Artillery School for Enlisted Specialists" and was assigned as instructor in electricity at the Coast Artillery Motor Transportation division after attending the "Coast Artillery School, Department of Enlisted Specialists, Motor Transportation Course" at Camp Eustis, Virginia, where he remained until Armistice Day. During all of that period, and still Brother Rubens is listed under the status "Member in good standing of IBEW Local 176, Joliet, Illinois."

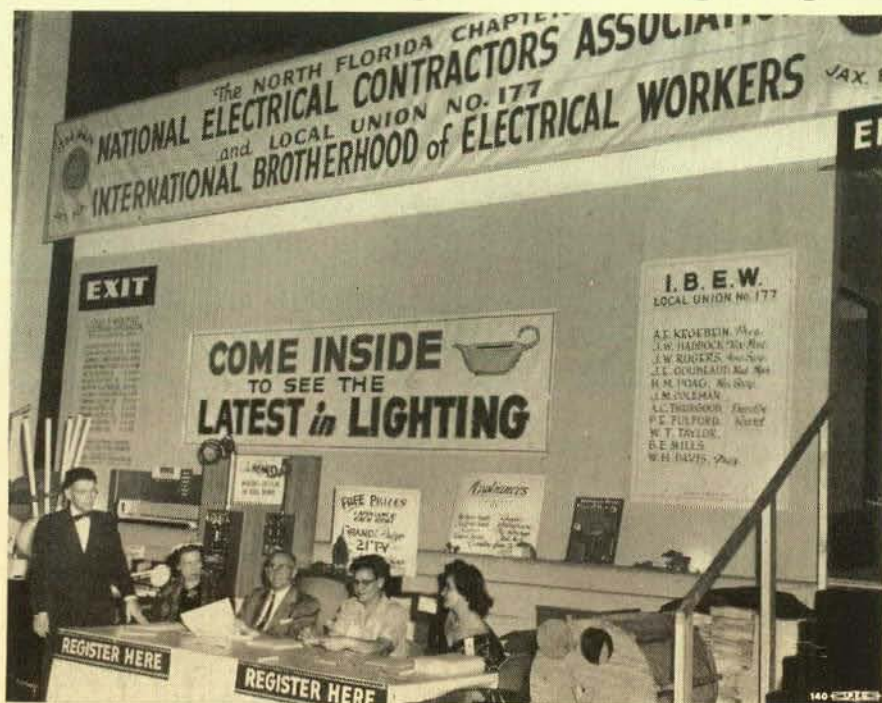
This old-timer of Local 176 feels that your timely article "Back To School" without doubt will awaken others as it did him to a realization of the fact that Electrical Workers especially, and all other in general, can never abandon the school of learning regardless of age and experience. New inventions, new ideas and new methods all add up to the fact that there will always be much to learn day by day as long as time goes on. It is Brother Rubens' opinion that the ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL, without doubt, is one of the most highly regarded publications of its kind . . . bringing to its readers first hand information pertaining to nationwide news of the day not only insofar as the IBEW is concerned but as a means of educational informa-

Member Passes



Brother Norman Ahlgren, business agent of Local 174, Warren, Pa., has been lost through death to his fellow local members.

Stage Modern Lighting Display



Through the cooperation of Local 177, Jacksonville, Fla., and the Northeast Florida Chapter of N.E.C.A., an outstanding exhibit of modern lighting was presented at the city's Annual Home Show. Manning the group's booth in photo at left are, from left: W. S. Binkley; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ramus; Mrs. Binkley, and Mrs. J. W. Haddock. Above: A. F. Kegebein, local president and instructor of the apprentice class, receives congratulations for a job well done at the Home Show from W. S. Binkley, chapter manager of the N. E. Florida N.E.C.A.

tion and value to the electrical workers in general and many others as well. He feels that the editor and staff of the publication are to be highly commended for the magnificent way in which their journal is handled.

Editor's Note: Many thanks for your very kind remarks concerning our Journal, Brother Rubens and our congratulations and best wishes to you on your 50th anniversary as a member of our Brotherhood.

S. A. CARTER, F. S.

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10,000 See Display Of Modern Lighting

L. U. 177, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Jacksonville has recently completed the Annual Home Show with an attendance of well over 12,000. The show was put on through the cooperation of No. 177 and the Northeast Florida Chapter of N.E.C.A. We had a wonderful display of modern lighting which attracted a great deal of favorable comment. Seven thousand persons registered at our booth and it was estimated that 10,000 saw the display. Prizes were given to the lucky registrants whose names were drawn.

The apprentice class of L. U. 177 wired the whole show. Labor was furnished by the local union and material by the contractors. All money received was applied to the cost of display. We had one night—from 4:30 p. m. until—to wire our display which had over 60 outlets and 50 remote control switches and relays on top of that. Some of the crew worked until 5:00

a. m. The display consisted of 13 different types of modern lighting—Plugmold, TV Remote control, spot lighting in gardens and terraces, remote control relays and switches, dimmer switches. The display was built up with a living room, terrace and bedroom and had two console switch panels with 25 switches in each. The entire show was maintained by a journeyman and apprentice in attendance at all times.

During the year of 1954, Local Union 177 had unprecedented pros-

Golden Jubilarian



Brother Harry A. Rubens, fifty years a member of Local 176, Joliet, Ill.

perity, but the jobs have been winding up fast in recent months until the bench had to be enlarged to make room for all who are not working.

On Friday, April 15th, 1955, certificates of graduation for the 1953 apprenticeship class were presented by Mr. Frank Roche, president of the Florida State Federation of Labor.

The graduating apprentices were: Harry H. Petzinger, Jr., Carl H. Taylor, James C. Patrick, Jr., Stoddard F. Coombes, James D. Smith, Robert D. Pace, Wilbur E. Burnett, Charles A. Hoffman, Henry E. Autrey, Irwin E. Hill, John C. Yarbrough, Clarence J. Rowe, Richard Dow. Brother P. A. Alexander, International Representative, assisted Brother Roche in the presentations.

Instructors for the class were: A. F. Kegebein and T. F. Davis.

Members of the Apprentice Training Committee were: John E. Goubeaud, Chairman; Max Vinson, A. E. Dixon, H. I. Thornton.

Past presidents in attendance at our ceremonies were: C. A. Miller, Wilbur Edwards, J. F. McGahey, P. M. Moffitt.

Refreshments were served by the Women's Auxiliary of L. U. No. 177 and a large group of members and their families enjoyed the evening.

W. F. (Deacon) ELLIS, P. S.

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Complete Revision Of Local's Bylaws

L. U. 180, VALLEJO, CALIF.—We

Wire Municipal Power Plant



Employed in the construction of an addition to the municipal power plant in Jacksonville, Fla., are these members of Local 177. From left, front row are: R. J. Burdges, foreman; C. W. Winters, general foreman; Howell Pickard; Auggie Kegebein, president of local; A. M. Daly; J. T. Moody, and Stoddard F. Coombs. Second row: A. C. Thurgood; Jack Bias; job steward; F. L. Crawford; Sam Pickett; Drewdy Rice; Bob Oldham; Joe Williams and L. C. Evers. Third row: Bob Trout, and M. E. Niolon. C. A. Hoffman is also on the job but was on duty at this time.



When the local held its recent apprentice graduation ceremonies, H. E. Autrey, left, was congratulated by Frank Roche, president of the Florida State Federation of Labor, as the outstanding apprentice of the 1953 class. In the center are the Local's Women's Auxiliary who prepared the evening's refreshments: Mesdames Kegebein, Carson, Alvarez, Goldman, Goubeaud, and Leighton. At right are International Representative P. A. Alexander and Mr. Roche.



From left across the page are: Local President A. F. Kegebein; Past President J. F. McGahey; Business Manager John E. Goubeaud; Apprentice Committee Members Max Vinson and A. E. Dixon; Instructor T. F. Davis; Past Presidents C. A. Miller, P. M. Moffitt and Wilbur Edwards.

have just experienced a very slow winter season with a large number of wiremen on the bench or working out of the jurisdiction. However, with the coming of spring, business seems to be picking up and our men are going back to work. From all signs, we should enjoy a prosperous summer and fall, with several large jobs to

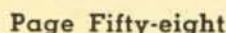
supplement a building boom in residence construction.

Our Negotiating Committee is in the midst of contract negotiations, but it is too early to tell just what the net results will be.

Our Bylaws Committee has completed a complete revision of old, obsolete and much amended bylaws,

so as to permit definite, up-to-date delegation of authority and responsibility. Before starting the revision, a complete organization chart for the IBEW was made, showing the flow of authority and responsibility all through the organization—from the I.C. at the top to the delegates and committeemen in the L. U. itself.

I.B.E.W. ORGANIZATION CHART



some responsibility for the welfare of our senior citizens, it is very puzzling to some of us how inconsistent people can be regarding the question of age.

The decisions of 70-80 year old Prime Ministers, Senators, and other law-makers are accepted often without question. Advanced age seems to be *prima facie* evidence of both wisdom and competence. But woe to the wage earner who is still a wage earner at 65. All his working life he may have been a topnotch producer, possessor of all the copybook virtues of which we used to be so proud. But the moment he crosses the 65-year rubicon, by some mysterious process known only to the mathematicians, his productive capacity drops to the point where the firms solvency would be jeopardized by keeping him.

Recently, two members of our Local, who have worked together in the same shop for years, quietly packed their tools and prepared to leave the gang by whom they were both held in very high regard. We did our best to soften the blow, and to show that regard, by means of small gifts, tactfully presented on our behalf by the foreman. We wanted to show that we are going to miss Bill Barnes and Jack McCulloch, and that the place won't be quite the same without them.

In other directions, the union had tried to make it possible not only for Bill and Jack, but for all elderly but competent workers to keep working, if they so desired, but we failed.

It seems that after years of submission to those restrictive laws euphoniouly called "Labor legislation", the fear of legal reprisals deprives unions of the ability to either make or implement decisions in the effective fashion to which they were formerly accustomed.

Some of our members can still remember the use we once made of a little clause in one of our agreements, "There shall be no discrimination against any member of this union," which simply means that the employer shall treat all our union members alike. We didn't allow any picking or choosing, either as regards age, politics, religion, complexion, or what have you.

Nowadays, with company sponsored pension plans as part of some agreements, we actively help the employer to discriminate against all our members over the age of 35 years, besides depriving our own I.B.E.W. Pension Plan of much needed support.

Our annual banquet is scheduled for May 27th at the Empress Hotel.

F. J. BEVIS, P. S.

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"Back to School" For Toledo Members

L. U. 245, TOLEDO, OHIO—The Ne-

gotiating Committee of Local 245, Toledo, Ohio, has started to meet with the Toledo Edison Company to negotiate changes in our contract to be effective June 1st. The committee which has been previously listed here is headed by President Stephen LaPorte.

School Days! Some of the brothers in the Power Production Department are going back to school. With the start-up of the Toledo Edison's new Bay Shore Plant very near, members of the operating crews are going to classes, preparing themselves to operate the new plant. Moving men to the new plant has created numerous promotions, and the company is also conducting a school to assist men in obtaining an Ohio State Engineer's license. These classes are taught by Brothers William Kriener and Carl Dalling.

President Stephen LaPorte, Business Manager Vincent Wise and Assistant Business Manager George Thomas attended a meeting of the Ohio State Utility Board, I.B.E.W., held in Cleveland, Sunday, April 25.

Four brothers of Local 245 recently retired on both the company and union

pensions. They are Brothers Joseph Spechala, Meter Department, Joe Adamski, Acme Station, Anthony Steffis and Ben Tallis both of the Line Department. Congratulations!

With vacation time with us once again we are reminded and urge all to reread the editorial in our March issue regarding safe driving. Let's go on a vacation and get back safely.

PAUL D. SCHIEVER, P. S.

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Activities of Ann Arbor Local Members

L. U. 252, ANN ARBOR, MICH.—For reasons beyond my control, we didn't get in the February issue. I don't know why, but that is it.

Editor's Note: Your letter didn't reach us in time Brother. Deadline for copy is the first of the month preceding date of publication. All copy for the February issue had to reach us by January first.

We have a couple more pictures this time. One of them shows Ralph Boorom and Bob Ferris unloading the first part of the new switch for the

40-Year Service Record



I am enclosing a photograph which I believe would interest JOURNAL readers in that it presents an entire life-time of IBEW receipts. From March 14th, 1915 through January, 1955—forty years of electrical work in motor repair, commercial and industrial, construction, plant maintenance and electrical classroom instruction. This 40-year membership was in Local 191, Everett, Washington with an occasional period in the Seattle and Tacoma areas.

Because many of these receipts cover six and eight month periods, they are not too great in number, but I feel proud to have held membership during my entire electrical career in the IBEW, especially in Local Union No. 191.

ALVIN B. PETERSEN.

In Local 252's Jurisdiction



Five apprentices of Local 252, Ann Arbor, Mich., received their certificates in a recent presentation ceremony. Their names and those of the local officials here are given in their accompanying letter.

new Children's Hospital. You'll notice there was snow on the truck cab that day. Ralph was signaling the crane operator to pick it up when we snapped the picture.

The second picture is of five new journeymen receiving their diplomas. They completed their work a while back in '54. Left to right, Rosey of the Apprentice Board, Kenny Pyat, Robert Haas, Jim Wright, Dale

Schoen, Bob Strieter and President Dick Kett. Nice going fellows. It was a long hard road for you guys, but now you really have something.

At this time Local 252 sends its deepest sympathy to our good Brother Clyde W. Posey, whose mother passed away March 19, 1955. We are very sorry to hear of this.

JOE EXELBY, P. S.

Ingenuity Rewarded



Robert Turner, Phoenix, Ariz., and William Gallman, Tempe, Ariz., members of Local 266, divided a \$75.00 top prize for best suggestion of the year awarded to employees by the Salt River Power District of Phoenix. Here the two top winners demonstrate a portable hydraulic punch for punching Weltrus beams which resulted from their idea, and which has not only helped meet the urgent work schedule but has reduced cost of substation fabrication for the Salt River Project. Annual winners were chosen from the regular monthly suggestion winners during 1954.



Two brothers of Local 252 help unload new equipment for the local Children's hospital. Their identification and fuller details are also included in the local's letter.

Quarterly Meeting of State Council Held

L. U. 292, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Local Unions 160 and 292 were hosts to the members of the I.B.E.W. State Council's quarterly meeting March 12. It was held at the Normandy Hotel in Minneapolis, followed by a very fine dinner.

Delegates, 39 of them, were from L.U. 23, St. Paul, L.U. 31, Duluth, L.U. 110, St. Paul, L.U. 294, Hibbing, L.U. 928, Red Wing, L.U. 949, Austin, L.U. 160, Minneapolis, L.U. 292 Minneapolis, L.U. 953, Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and L.U. 1426, Grand Forks, North Dakota. International Representatives Cliff Wetchen and William Collins also attended.

Frank Werden, newly appointed Executive Secretary of the Minnesota State Board of Electricity, gave a short talk on the future of the State Board. Baldwin P. Svendsen, Director of United States Apprentice Training for Minnesota, spoke on the apprentice program in the electrical trades. Brother Dick Noonan reported on his trip to the Building and Construction Trades Conference in Washington, D. C. in February.

The Council's name was officially changed to I.B.E.W. STATE COUNCIL at this meeting.

These Council meetings bring to

gether the I.B.E.W. Local Unions in Minnesota and adjoining States to discuss policy and mutual problems which affect our membership. We congratulate Council President Joe Krech, business manager of Local Union 292, and Harry Leonard, business manager of Local Union 160, for a highly successful I.B.E.W. State Council meeting.

On March 28, Business Manager Joe Krech announced the contract settlement and the end of a one-week strike at the Mankato Citizens Telephone Company. The 59 members returned to work with a wage increase of \$1.00 to \$4.00 per week, plus \$25.00 and \$40.00 retroactive payments made on a lump-sum basis.

Brothers—if you want to hear news straight from the shoulder, tune in WTCN Radio at 9:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, and listen to Edward Morgan, labor news analyst.

Don Underwood, electrician's mate 2/C, returned from two years' service in the Philippines and Midway Island as a Navy Seabee.

Our requests for blood from your blood bank were very heavy during 1954 and so far this year. The Local 292 Blood Bank needs your contribution. It may save your life or the life of a loved one. Do it now!"

JOHN J. O'ROURKE, P. S.

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Good Will Director Addresses Local 308

L. U. 308, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.— We had the extreme pleasure of having Dr. C. Adair, executive director of the Good Will Industries address our semi-monthly union meeting.

Dr. Adair was very forceful in his address and brought home to our members the need of the Good Will Industries in our community. He spoke of the generosity of many people in Pinellas County and their thoughtful efforts toward the success of this worthwhile project.

We, of organized labor, are especially proud to be a party to this success as we have often pledged ourselves, our labor, material and money to many needed causes in our community and we are always ready for any emergency.

Brother Skip Hadley, Business Manager of Local 308, has had a very unpleasant experience with an officer of the local Standard Oil Company. He was seeking information from this employe of Standard Oil regarding the construction of a gas station. Brother Hadley found out that this company was using non-union labor on the job and was trying to convince the man where it was to his advantage to use union help. The employe of Standard Oil became abusive and told Brother Hadley "that we just lost

Officials of Minn. State Council



These men made up the Executive Board of the Minnesota IBEW State Council that met recently in Minneapolis in Local 292's jurisdiction. From left, front row: Joseph Krech, Local 292; Harry Leonard, Local 160, Minneapolis; Leslie Fontaine, Local 23, St. Paul. Back row: Clyde Giles, Local 31, Duluth; Bill Foard, Local 949, Austin; Ed Conway, Local 292, and Charles Brett, Local 110, St. Paul.



Representing Local 292 at the Council sessions were: Cliff Hanson; Guy Alexander; Joe Krech; Earl Sheldon, and Ed Conway.

two wars for just such things as he had said and that Brother Hadley was using Communist tactics and that he was going to call the F.B.I." This statement was made before two business managers of other crafts.

Brother Hadley sent a report of this incident to the district supervisor in Louisville, Kentucky and is awaiting a reply. We consider this statement to be of serious nature and could lead to a trend throughout the entire industry.

Local 308 was selected to present a 50-year scroll and pin to Brother Burton H. Craig of Local 38, Cleveland, Ohio. Brother Burton is spending the winter season in St. Pete and

enjoying the warm southern breezes.

He spoke of the tough times they had in the past and many of our local and visiting Brothers who shared these same experiences applauded his well-spoken words.

Brother Craig thanked us for our generosity in the past for being Santa Claus in many scroll presentations but we feel very humble in the presence of these Brothers who pioneered unionism throughout the world and we know that the thanks that we give now is small in comparison to what they gave of themselves, their energies and their fight to make the I.B.E.W. the success that it is today.

Local 308 proudly presented to two

Honors for Florida Veterans



Attending the presentation of a 50-year scroll and 35-year pins were these members of Local 308, St. Petersburg, Fla. Front row: John Holmes, Local 308; Harry Doderd, 134; Art Lowe, 308; Bill Callahan, 308; Walter Sherwood, 308; G. L. Beckwith, 308; R. K. Brown, 308; Burton H. Craig, 38; Fred Lowry, 308. Back row: Harry Liberty, 134; Charles Baling, 58; Fred Block, 308; A. D. Turney, 5; John Bambrick, 103; Al Schroeder, 308; Robert W. Peterson, 134; W. P. Smith, 308; Fred Loll, 308.



Brother Lee McKinney of Local 308 presents a 50-year scroll and his heartiest congratulations to Brother Burton H. Craig for his outstanding achievement.

of its members W. P. (weatherproof) Smith and John Holmes, 35-year pins. Brother Holmes and Smith are retired but still attend many of our local meetings.

Brother Holmes is a charter member of Local 308 which was formed in 1917. He told the members that our local was founded by Brother Joe Provost, deceased, who came to St. Petersburg as an electrical contractor and insisted that all his work must be done by union workmen. At that time we had a population of 4,800 people.

Brother M. D. Smith took the wonderful pictures that I am sending to the WORKER. All the Brothers thank Brother Lee McKinney for pinch hitting for President Ralph Bean who had hurt his back on the job.

This affair was well attended and our out-of-town Brothers were well represented. In fact we had many Brothers from Local 134 and other locals in our midst. Robert W. Peterson a retired Brother who has been in organized labor since 1892 and a

member of Local 134 would like to start a Retired Members Club in St. Petersburg and would like to have any I.B.E.W. men contact him for that purpose.

BENNETT COREY, P. S.

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Late Winter Storms Lash W. Va. Area

L. U. 317, HUNTINGTON, W. VA.—

As I write this, it is a real winter day here. The wind is blowing the white snow flakes down the street in almost straight lines resembling a large bed sheet being spread over a bed. Some spring flowers and early fruit trees are in bloom and these angry snow flakes appear as a swarm of white moths, attacking these blossoms as if in resentment to their appearance. Gosh! what a day for the week long planner of a pleasant trip to the lakes and streams. Oh, well maybe there is some consolation in wishing dreamily of better days ahead.

We have had lots of rain and bad weather of late. High waters have caused considerable damage in this area. Huntington is very fortunate in having a high protective flood wall around the city which has certainly paid big dividends since installation. The bad weather has slowed down the starting of many new projects.

All our members have been working but there is no demand for additional help at present. The big Power Plant at Chesire, Ohio is progressing very well with one unit in operation. Our Negotiating Committee has been very busy with the contractors on a new contract.

J. E. SMITH, P. S.



Two 35-year men, Brothers John Holmes, center, and W. P. (Weatherproof) Smith, right, receive their commemorative pins from Brother McKinney, left.

Completion Certificates For Casper Apprentices

L. U. 322, CASPER, WYO.—On January 26, 1955 Local 322 and the Electrical Contractors jointly presented completion certificates to seven of our graduating apprentices. They are: Robert Dean, Dave L. Hawks, Wallace H. Jackson, Vincent Lopez, Norman O. Nelson, Paul E. Severs, and James C. Sheely. Sheely, Dean, and Nelson were employed out of the state and were unable to attend the program. Each of them did receive their certificate and we were pleased that the wife of James Sheely was able to attend and receive the certificate for her husband.

A fine dinner was served to the guests of the members of the local and contractors and their guests. Among the distinguished guests we had the Mayor of Casper, Howard Leik and his wife, and Charles Simpson of Simpson Electric Company,

Cheyenne, Wyoming, who was our guest speaker of the evening. He spoke on the appreciation of our apprentice program and the progress we have achieved through apprenticeship. He stressed also the fact that the I. B. E. W. and the Electrical Contractors are working together, that we are one—together—in the electrical industry and for the survival of one or the other we cooperate.

Other guests included Mr. Donald M. Larson, chapter manager, N. E. C. A., Mr. and Mrs. George Near, Bureau of Apprenticeship, U. S. Department of Labor, Mr. and Mrs. Ostlund, Mr. Hampton Smith, and Mr. Charles H. Jones, Board of City Electrical Examiners of the City of Casper, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, dean of Casper Junior College. Guests invited who were unable to attend were: Eighth District Vice President Anderson and Mrs. Anderson of Pocatello, Idaho, Mrs. C. H. Simpson, and Mrs. Donald M. Larson.

After the dinner the certificates were presented to the apprentices and an apprentice response was given by Dave Hawks, which was appreciated by all. He expressed his thoughts on becoming a journeyman his appreciation for the good training that he and the apprentices were receiving at our related classes, and also the on-the-job training of working with other journeymen on the job.

ROBERT M. SACKETT, JR., B. M.

Appreciative Gesture Toward Local Scribes

L. U. 323, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—We were so sorry to learn of the sudden death of our President Emeritus Dan W. Tracy. It's too bad that a man so young in spirit and so active in the affairs of the working people should be taken so suddenly.

We are saluting Brother William O. Hurtado Local No. 595, Brother Louis G. Theriault Local No. 568 and Brother Owen L. Kerth Local No. 816, scribes of their respective local unions, for their fine letters, in "journaling" with me to start a Press Secretaries "Compliment Club." I have written several letters to various press secretaries stating that I would try and write two letters each month commending the secretary for his article in the current JOURNAL and asked if they thought it a good thing to follow suit. This is just a friendly gesture in appreciation of the work done by the "scribes" and also to let them know that their articles are being received with thanks. We welcome all comers to take part, the more the better.

In carrying out my membership obligation in the club I find it has been extremely difficult to make a selection. Take the JOURNAL for the

month of March for instance, all the "write-ups" were so good it was hard to make a distinction as to which P.S. to write. However, I finally made it and wrote to three secretaries. It's gratifying to note the response received from each of these members.

We have been having a rather slow spring—regarding working conditions. Many members were getting broken time, but from all indications at this writing things are 'looking' up, and the picture for the immediate future is very bright. In West Palm Beach a sizable addition is to be made to Good Samaritan Hospital. One phase of this work is to provide eight new operating rooms, and probably a new transformer vault. Also bids are to be out soon for an addition to the Palm Beach County Court House. In Palm Beach, (just across the lake from West Palm,) on the site of the former World Famous Poinciana Hotel, which was the largest wooden hotel structure in the country at one time, the Towers will be erected, a combination hotel and apartment building, with 1471 hotel rooms, and 271 apartments, a large swimming pool. Garage space will be provided in the basement. Have heard that the rent for some of these apartments will be \$145.00 per month, and a penthouse suite at \$1470.00 per month. Not bad, not bad at all, (except for the poor guy who has to foot the bill).

The Colony Hotel is to install a new swimming pool with heated water,—we do have some chilly weather down here, at times. Another addition is a new Palm Beach Hotel of six stories and some 220 rooms, to

be directly on the ocean front. A four-story store and apartment building on Worth Avenue, (the Fifth Avenue of Palm Beach), a six store and apartment building to enlarge this winter resort town, are in the offing. Our new super highway, planned for years, is about ready to start. This should create some new buildings for us to work on.

From all this new construction which will have to be completed before the arrival of the winter season, we no doubt will be kept quite busy for the summer months, at least. The wiring standards in Palm Beach are being brought up to the newer standards of the code by our new Electrical Inspector Brother Turgan, who is doing a fine job.

From many reports in our JOURNAL the lack of attendance at meetings seems to be quite general. Sooner or later something will have to be done on this score. It may be that this saying that I heard over the radio will apply, "Sometimes we have to hurt people a little—to keep from hurting them a lot."

Here is something I saw in the *Railway Carmen's Journal*:

WHERE DO I FIT IN MY UNION?

An attendant or an absentee?
A power or a problem?
A booster or a boaster?
A giver or a getter?
A supporter or a sponger?
A pillar or a sleeper?
A promoter or a provoker?
A worker or a worrier?
A peacemaker or a strife-creator?
And now for a beautiful thought,

Completion Ceremonies

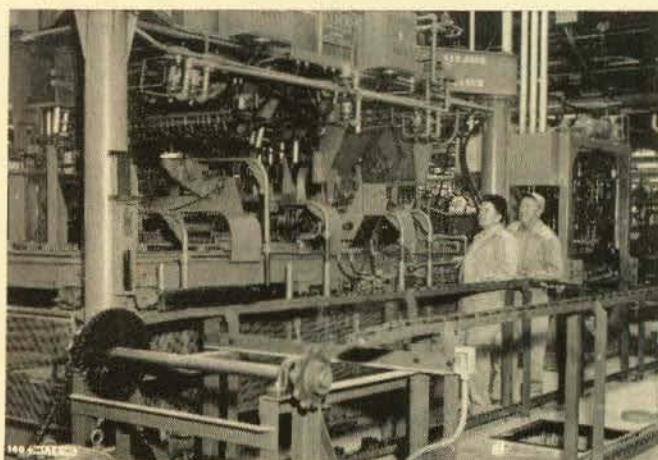


At a banquet sponsored by Local 322, Casper, Wyo., and the local chapter of the N.E.C.A., seven apprentices received their completion certificates. From left are: Joe Gilgan, master of ceremonies; Robert Dove; Apprentice Dave Hawks; E. S. Stacy; Apprentices Wallace Jackson, Paul Severs and Vincent Lopez. Not present were Apprentices Robert Dean, Norman Nelson and James Sheely, who also earned certificates.

Wire Ford Assembly Plant



As we see from these pictures sent to us by Local 332, San Jose, Calif., many locals have been represented on the local Ford Assembly Plant construction. Front row, left to right: Jake Nielsen, Local 595; Geo. Dyer, 332; E. Harvey, 332; Roy Bassett, 332; Dewitt McFadden, 40; J. Emerson, 609; D. Allan, 332; T. Bassis, 332; P. Velasco, 332; H. Chapel, 332; Max Slama, 332; J. DeLaurentis, 595; J. Caldin, 602. Second row: Geo. Hutchins, 332; R. Odom, 1072; R. North, 1072; E. Littlefield, 1072; W. Dale, 100; H. Paull, 1072; A. Rodriques, 332; K. Martin, 332; E. Rickenbach; H. Anderson, 1072; Paul Hodon, 595; L. Sterling, 100; C. Rosendin, 332; L. C. Smith, 332. Third row: J. Russell, 332; W. W. Matthews, 595; J. Curb, 1072; R. Coutellier, 332; A. McFarland, 100; J. Cupples, 332; H. Brower, 684; E. Hackman, 332; T. Thomeson, 332; H. Laughlin, 716; F. Minkel, 6; L. Neist, 609; D. Moore, 970; S. Hoskinson, 684; L. Stoll, 332; F. Rose, 684; F. Headen, 332; M. Scheinberg, 595; R. Brown, 332. Fourth row: J. Eddings, 1072; H. Hastey, 1072; A. Wilson, 332; Smith, 100; Geo. Bolitho, 332; J. C. Turner, manager for Spot Electric; C. Burkhalder, 595; W. Brockmoller, 848; H. Clark, 609; D. Graham-Armstrong, 332; J. Hoskison, 1245; W. B. Hoskison, 591.



Local 332 Brothers Joe Kirchmaier, Jack Keesling and Mike Radisich, recording secretary, install 75 KVA welding transformer on auto body building fixture, left. At right Brothers Gordon Decker and Roscoe Cain, general foreman, are dwarfed as they inspect the "Floor Pan Automatic Welder" at the new Ford Plant.



From left: Jake Nielsen, Local 595, general foreman; G. Dyer, Local 332, foreman; J. Cupples, 332, foreman; J. Turner, company manager; E. Harvey, 332, foreman; D. Graham-Armstrong, 332, foreman; G. Bolitho, 332, foreman, and Max Slama, 332, foreman.

"It's a Fact!" by Charles Kingsley.

"Did it ever strike you that goodness is not merely a beautiful thing, but by far the most beautiful thing in the whole world? So that nothing is to be compared for value with goodness: that riches, honor, power, pleasure, learning, the whole world and all in it, are not worth having in comparison with being good; and the utterly best thing for a man is to be good, even though he were never to be rewarded for it."

Here's a good thought for the month by E. W. Howe: "If you succeed in life, you must do it in spite of the efforts of others to pull you down. There is nothing in the idea that people are willing to help those

who help themselves. People are willing to help a man who can't help himself, but as soon as a man is able to help himself, and does it, they join in making his life as uncomfortable as possible."

BENJAMIN G. ROEBER, P. S.

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Ford Assembly Plant Built in San Jose

L. U. 332, SAN JOSE, CALIF.—Enclosed are some pictures taken while the San Jose Ford Assembly Plant was being built at Milpitas, California. This was a very big job somewhere in the \$40,000,000 class, covering some forty square acres under one roof plus other smaller buildings. Our local had 300 electricians on the job of whom many were from neighboring locals. A great number of the Brothers stayed for 16 months and a small number are still on the job. The bulk of the electrical work was done by the following contractors:

Fischback, Moore, Inc., Roy M. Butcher Electric, Spott Electric, Oakland, California and Spott Electric, Hayward, California and Mattson Electric, Oakland, California. There were small jobs done by others but I don't remember their names. With all the other work we had last year we kept quite busy so hope 1955 is as good as 1954. So far work is holding up pretty fair and I don't think we have any members on the bench.

Our local union meetings are very well attended so keep up the good work and attend all our meetings, Brothers.

Again the time has come to go to work on our new agreements with our electrical contractors, so will have to wait to see how things come out. So long, see you all next month!

MAX J. SLAMA, P. S.

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Surveys Progress Through Old Journal

L. U. 339, FORT WILLIAM AND PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—I have before me a copy of the July 1919 issue of the ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL, together with a copy of a 1955 issue. It is truly evident to note the vast strides in journalism over the past 36 years, and to note that the editors of our JOURNAL have taken advantage of this progress. One glance at our present JOURNAL proves this beyond any doubt. The 1919 JOURNAL is about two thirds the size of the present issue with half the number of pages. However, it is worthy to note that the same undying spirit prevailed then as it does today for a bigger and better organization, and the desire to improve wages and working conditions for those it represents.

It may interest the boys of 339 to know that in 1919 Port Arthur had its own local union. It was Local 360, and listed in the union directory as a mixed local, with C. E. Krueger as recording secretary, and the late Harry Watt as financial secretary. Local 339 had Bill Raine as recording secretary, and the late Charley Doughty as financial secretary.

I have had many arguments in the past with several Port Arthur members, who tried to convince me that Port Arthur had the original Charter for 339.

Our present JOURNAL is certainly a credit to our organization, the special features and articles, the editorials, women's page, jokes and the "Local Lines" are truly great. May we of Local 339 salute you Mr. Editor for the wonders you have accomplished through-out the years, and for the bang up job you are still doing. Now that I have patted you on the back and dressed you up Mr. Editor I trust you won't object if I dress you down a little, in other words I have a complaint: This complaint may be one of those things over which you have no control, however I do believe that the time lapse between writing letters to Local Lines and the time the JOURNAL is received by the members is too long.

(Editor's Note: We agree with you, Brother, and we are taking steps to remedy the situation. Please bear with us. And many thanks for your words of generous praise for the JOURNAL.)

The big news from the U.S.A. that the two big labor organizations, the A. F. of L. and the C.I.O. are to amalgamate was received in Canada

with great satisfaction. The merger of these two great labor bodies will certainly give to labor a new era of unparalleled power never known before. We in Canada are to follow suit by the merger of the C.C.L. and the T.L.C. This will give a combined strength of 1,200,000 members. Plans are moving fast towards amalgamation, with the two leaders, A. R. Mosher of the C.C.L. and Claude Jodoin of T.L.C. both in accord that the merger will take place before the end of the current year. The policies of the two organizations are not too far apart. Two of the differences that will no doubt cause considerable discussion are political affiliation, and the fusion of the policy of craft and industrial organization. I don't think that political affiliation will cause any great concern. The Canadian Congress of Labor has for many years been politically affiliated with the National C.C.F. party, while the Trades and Labor Congress has remained aloof from all party politics and left the choice of politics to the individual member. (This in my humble opinion is the way it should be.) The T.L.C. has a much larger membership than the C.C.L. and I understand there is a large minority in the C.C.L. opposed to political affiliation, so in the face of this disclosure this should not prove any obstacle to the merger.

Spring and the opening of navigation brings new life to the Canadian Lakehead each year. However, we did have a temporary set back this year due to a strike of 1200 elevator employees. The strike was called to coincide with the arrival of the first grain carrying ships from Eastern Canada. The workers had a just cause and after five days were successful in receiving a 12½ cents an hour increase with several fringe benefits. Farming being one of Canada's basic industries, and wheat the largest product, everyone was pleased to see the strike end in jig time, for had it been prolonged it could have had a serious effect on our Canadian economy. May we of Local 339 offer our congratulations to Local 650, Elevator Employees, A. F. of L. in bringing their long-drawn-out negotiations to a successful conclusion.

Our Business Manager Peter Ubriaco returned recently from Calgary after attending the First District Progress Meeting held on April 5th and 6th. Pete gave us a detailed and lengthy report on the business transacted. However, after digesting the report, I personally, have still to be convinced that the value received is worth the expense involved. In spite of my own convictions I must of necessity report that our business manager really enjoyed his trip west. He was telling me he was fascinated with the vastness of the prairies, and he had no end of praise for the lovely

Proud Angler



Here's one of the big ones that didn't get away. It's being proudly displayed by Pat Kelly, son of Brother F. Kelly of Local 339, Fort William, Ont.

City of Calgary. He was also high in his praise of the hospitality extended to the officers and delegates by Local 348.

Pete was very observant on his trip. He was amazed at the expansive ranch lands of Alberta and the large herds of cattle. He was telling me that the cows out there are not like our cows. He said they are all bulls with long white faces, and that they all had heavy fur coats. Now this is not fiction it is a fact for that is what the man said. Sorry Pete but I just couldn't resist, I had to share the news, it is too good to bottle up.

Progress is still on the move in Local 339. Recently we established an office in town at No. 6, Victoria Blk, over Bryans Fort William store. In order to curtail expenses we are sharing the office with the Plumbers Union. It is my understanding that the office hours will be from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m., with the business agents alternating morning and afternoon hours so as there will be someone in the office during the above hours. Kindly cooperate by using the office only. Appointments can be made by telephone.

Our wage negotiations are progressing slowly but surely. However, it is sad to have to report the nonchalant attitude of our membership—that is of the vast majority, naturally we have the old war-horses who never say die. Surely boys your lack of interest in your organization doesn't suggest that you have reached the saturation point and are satisfied and willing to sit back and rest on your laurels. If this is the case you are just sealing your own doom. On the other hand the alternate is eternal vigilance, hard work, the desire to better yourself and your fellow worker. These are the virtues necessary to a good sound progressive organization.

I would like to warn the Fort William Telephone employees to be careful and not get tricked into a civic federation. To negotiate basic fringe benefits is permissible, but not wages and conditions relative to your own craft. These are strictly your own craft rights and don't ever relinquish these rights. Our local union has had bitter experience with civic federations in the past, so beware.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the passing of our President Emeritus Dan W. Tracy, through the columns of our JOURNAL. Dan was a man of great character and ability and was truly a great friend of the common man. He will be sadly missed as a leader, and his executive capacity will leave a void in the ranks of organized labor. May we the officers and members of Local 339, extend to Mrs. Tracy and immediate relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their great sorrow, and our kind wish is, that God in his goodness will grant

to the soul of Dan Tracy "Eternal rest and peace in Heaven."

We offer our sympathy to Brother Tom Foote who has been ill for the past two months. Our best wishes go out to you Tom for a full and speedy recovery.

May we say "Hello" to Brothers Jim Green of Vernon, B.C., Teddy (Natural) Emery of Victoria B.C., Bob Burns of Hamilton Ontario and Eric Clayton of Sarnia, Ontario. To the boys of 339, may I wish them every success in their negotiations for better wages, and to those who love to brag about the big ones they caught, "Good Fishing!" Greetings and all good wishes to Brother Jack Anderson on his recovery from a long long illness. Jack you have proved without a doubt that his majesty's ship cannot be sunk by a blinking coal barge.

Here's a thought for the month: If you don't receive everything you ask in your quest for better wages and working conditions, Remember: A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.

FRANK KELLY, P. S.

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Modest Disclaimer From Local Scribe

L. U. 340, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—A friend of mine in Chicago, wrote me recently, and wanted to know why Local 340 didn't have more articles in the JOURNAL. Well I doubt if you will believe this but it's the truth so help me. You see a person living here in California, just can't write without telling every one what a wonderful place it is. And then on top of that to live in the capital city of California, well if I told of all the wonders of this rapidly growing city, you can see it would just make everyone else feel bad because they don't live here. And after all, who wants to make people feel bad?

Conditions in this local are no doubt the same as in any other local right now. We didn't suffer too badly this winter, and it looks as though we can keep abreast of things now that spring is here. I see by the JOURNAL that several of the locals have the same trouble that most of us out here have, and that is in attendance to the meetings. We feel it is a real problem and it's one that should be solved. The A.M.A. recently wrote: Unions are controlled by a hand full of men, and only a small majority of its members ever attend meetings. We realize this is partly true, and it will only be through education of our members that we will be able to solve this problem.

I believe most of you have noticed the increase in articles condemning unions. Featured writers and others

are quick to pick up any thing derogatory to the unions and make quite a story of it. But for some reason they never print the good things that happen. For instance I believe the public would be interested in reading about Scott Milne, his courage, his honesty and his faith. A writer could point out that the Electrical Workers are not amongst those mentioned in the more unfavorable articles, that indeed our reputation has always been good, and will always remain so.

Irving Auerback, in his book, "Are Unions Necessary?" states, "Ignorance and selfishness are the causes of misunderstanding; education and experience are the basis for progressive thinking." In this day of a fast changing world, none of us can afford to rest on experience. We must accept every opportunity to advance our skill through education.

A. C. BURLINGAME, P. S.

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Local 347 Attends Bowling Tournament

L. U. 347, DES MOINES, IA.—Hi again! Long time, no see.

Two months I let slip by on these articles and have I heard about it. So now back to the grindstone and I'll see if I can't catch up.

Mike Walsh, our local secretary, died. He was a swell little guy who knew more about fishing and hunting in one minute than most of us are fortunate enough to ever know.

The bowlers finally absconded with enough of the local's funds to pay our entry fees into the tournament in Cincinnati, May 6 and 7, and believe me it was a tough battle.

The thing that got me about this bowling money deal is that some of our own league bowlers voted against it, after most of us have planned since last year to go to this tourney and cop a few honors for dear old 347.

Besides that it makes for good public relations between the locals. We made many friends in K.C. and hope to make even more this year.

Next month there will be a larger article in here if it takes me all month to write it.

In closing, I wish to leave with you, my thought for the day, the Electrician's Prayer.

I pray that the N.E.C.A. and we will be able to always agree
And striking locals that picket won't lose any workdays for me
That work will be so plentiful I'll never be found in the hall
That big jobs will always be going to make enough work for all
That through all the rest of my workdays no more steel I'll have to climb

And, please Lord, if you can see your way clear, just a little overtime.

DALE PIEART, P.S.

Members of Port Arthur Local



The members of Local 390, Port Arthur, Tex., seen at left, recently attended the Labor School of the Texas State Federation of Labor in Beaumont. They are, from left: M. T. Thomas; Dale Miller; C. T. Youngblood; Buford Allen; Local President J. W. Miller. Not present when the photo was snapped were Business Manager Ernest Gones and Darrel Godwin. At right are Y. B. Harville, T. E. Vance, Brother Scott, Bill Simpson, Jr., T. Carnahan, Bill Hickenbottom and D. Lynne in the switch room of the Koppers Chemical project.



Also at the Koppers job are, from left across the page: Bill Simpson, Jr.; Y. B. Harville; Motor Setters Dale Miller, J. B. Dudley and L. R. Breaux; (bottom) R. Osburn and D. Baker; (top) LeRoy Spell, O. J. Whitten and D. D. Cason.

Local 390 at State Federation's School

L. U. 390, PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS—Local 390 had six delegates attending the Texas State Federation of Labor school held at the Edson hotel in Beaumont, Texas, March 25th, 26th, 27th.

The delegates were headed by president J. W. Miller and B. M. Ernest Gones and included four year apprentices, Dale Miller, Buford Allen, C. T. Youngblood and M. T. Thomas. The school was well attended and many subjects were discussed. The subjects were Unemployment, cause and solution; Public Relations, Unemployment Insurance, and Workman's Compensation. The young apprentices were very attentive and seemed to grasp a great deal from all the very able teachers, who were, H. S. Brown, Fred Hoehler, Edgar Berlin, and Houston Clinton Jr. All were very fine instructors and very easy to understand.

The subject of the A.F.L. essay was brought up and I am sure some of the younger members will compete for the \$500.00 scholarship again this year.

The Koppers chemical job is progressing nicely, under the capable

supervision of J. W. (Red) Miller, superintendent, and his general foremen, Bill Hickenbottom, and Tom Carnahan.

This job has been in progress now for about six months, and will run into the latter part of this year. This unit when completed will more than double the present output of this plant. The new addition is almost entirely electrically operated, and is now employing over a hundred electricians. Blanton Electric Company is the contractor.

The unit will have over 400 electric motors and is keeping one full crew of motor setters busy. Enclosed photo will show J. B. Dudley, Dale Miller, and L. R. Breaux, setting a 25-horse power, to a reduction gear unit. The motors run from small fractional H.P. to 400 H.P. 2300 volts. The enclosed photos will show a very small part of the many miles of conduit, and one of six of the control switch rooms.

The apprentice program is progressing very nicely under these excellent professors, Daigle and Coppins. Many are looking forward to the next J.W. examination. The class was tutored last month by Dutch Kruger, on stress relieving and the operation and maintenance of the electric

equipment employed in this field of work. Kruger made a very good job of explaining, and his many black board drawings were clear and to the point.

Many of the apprentices expressed that they had gained much from Kruger's instructions and hoped that he would return in the near future. There were many J.W.'s sitting in on the instructions, including this writer, and Business Manager Ernest Gones. All expressed the feeling that their time had been well spent, and hoped that they would be invited to sit in on one of the classes again real soon.

ARTHUR A. DERROUGH, P. S.

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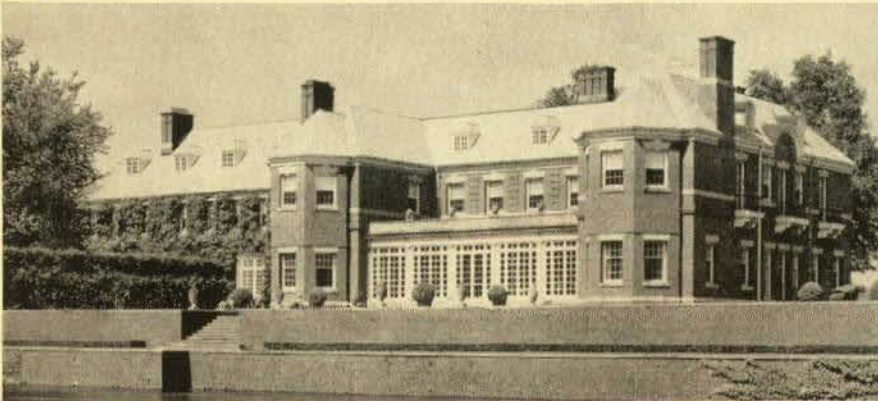
Vital Functions of Local's Chief Stewards

L. U. 399, CHICAGO, ILL.—L. U. 399 was very much pleased and interested in the planned school which the International Office has set up for its Officers, International Representatives, and perhaps later for local union officers. We felt that the subjects, according to reports, were of such a nature that they would be invaluable not only to the top officers of any local but also of great benefit to each individual member of our Brother-

Seminar for Local Officers



The Executive Board of Local 399, Chicago gathered in a work room of the University of Illinois to plan for the educational conference for chief stewards and officers of the local at a nearby estate, pictured below.



Top officials of Local 399 planning the next educational seminar at the University of Illinois. From left: President and Business Manager John H. Belt; Vice President Robert A. Millard, and Secretary-Treasurer Frank W. Hunsberger.

hood. We were of the opinion that in our own local, the logical place to start this training would be with our chief stewards.

Our local is divided into 16 units scattered throughout the state of Illinois from the northernmost point, to the south, east, and west. We have established units, headed by a chief steward, in 16 key cities, representing the Plant Department of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company and all of the workers of the Middle States Telephone and Illinois Consolidated Telephone, two independent companies in the telephone industry in our state. Each of our chief stewards is responsible for the members working and living in his unit. In order to facilitate and bind together these IBEW members even more the Chief Steward may appoint an additional number of group stewards and assign them to be responsible for a segment of workers engaged in similar jobs, such as Repairmen, PBX, Traffic, etc. We believe that these chief stewards are the personnel who can eventually bring labor education to all members.

With this thought in mind, L.U. 399 has started its educational program based on the plans of the International Office. On March 25th and 26th, an educational conference for chief stewards and officers was held at Robert Allerton Park, Monticello, Illinois. This seminar was conducted under the auspices of the University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, Division of University Extension, Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations. It might be of interest to other locals to know that conferences of this sort are available through most state universities. Our university in Illinois is

exceptionally good and since 1946, the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations has conducted classes, provided information, distributed films, books and bulletins—all on subjects of interest to working men and women.

These services are "tailor-made" and available through the university's extension projects, to all union members, management and the general public, part of a policy to promote understanding of the problems of labor and industrial relations. Fees for these services are very nominal.

The university was very fortunate in having been granted the use of part of one of the most beautiful estates in the Middle West as an educational and research center. The donor, Robert Allerton, for whom a portion of the park was named, was born in Chicago. He is a famed world traveler, architect and artist and, because of his interest in these subjects, developed a 2000 acre tract of land combining architecture reflecting the different countries of his travels with simple landscaping, comprised of hundreds of varieties of trees and flowers, to make a magnificent setting for many famous statues of bronze, gold, stone, and cast iron, some dating as far back as 470 BC. The University uses the three houses, the Allerton House, the House in the Woods, and the Gate House, to house persons attending any conference. This park is open to the public and any of our members traveling through that section of the country would find it worth while to spend some time walking around the wooded estate.

The theme of our seminar was based on the job of a steward and his

importance to the union. His key position as a link to represent workers to management, workers to union organization, union to management, union to workers, and to interpret management to workers and management to union was brought out in detail. We studied a steward in his aspects as an organizer, educator, interviewer, negotiator, leader, and counselor, and how he could most successfully accomplish each phase. The human relations factor is important in the work of a union leader, and to help our stewards to settle grievances, an important part of their work, we were given pointers on psychological approach to interviews. We found it would be helpful to be a good listener, to not too directly oppose a person, to use a friendly positive approach, to be calm and avoid personalities.

We were made to realize that a steward must remember he is going to work with a foreman to settle grievances (plural) in the future, not just one—so always seek agreement not conquest. To make these points more realistic to us, the stewards actually reenacted roles of a steward approaching management on a grievance, with our chief stewards playing the part of foreman, steward and aggrieved employee.

We saw an excellent film entitled, "Dues and the Union," the story of a young pipe-fitter who learned from an older union member the importance of prompt dues payment and the satisfaction derived therefrom. We highly recommend this film as well as another entitled "The Shop Steward" to locals who are showing films to their members.

Two other subjects were covered at the conference, the first being the 5 "W's" in writing grievances, What, Who, When, Where, and Why, and a discussion of these. We also covered the second and final subject, "The Steward as a Teacher," and "The Running of Steward and Union Meetings." Our stewards felt that many good suggestions were given on how to make your union meetings run smoothly and not get out of hand, by preparing a definite agenda, having speakers from the outside, discussing paragraphs of your contract, and being familiar with the rules of parliamentary law to the point where it is easy to conduct a union meeting for the benefit of everyone present.

Our chief stewards have expressed satisfaction with this type of conference and wish to continue on this basis. We are planning our next seminar to be held at the university and shall combine our regular Executive Board meeting with this conference as we did this time.

SALLY MCSWANNEY, P. S.

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Local Talent Supplies Clams for N. J. Feast

L. U. 400, ASBURY PARK, N. J.—Since this local is situated on the Jersey Coast, it is needless to say we have some great fishermen among our membership, such as Stan Peterson, Oscar Hilbig and Clarence Brace, to mention a few.

Not to be outdone by fishermen, we also harbor an equal number of great clammers. An example of the fruitful results was indicated by two of these

Stewards' Meeting of Unit 6



Unit 6 of Local 399, Chicago, held a stewards' meeting in Peoria with these men in attendance. They are employed at the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. Standing, left to right: Frank Van-Etten; Frank Aylward; Bill Jackson; George Coyle; Cecil Furrer; Ed. Matalon; Casper Kern; Norman Nickerson; Al. Smith, Russell Zerwekh; Gilbert Miller; Robert Johnson; Carl Hindson. Seated: Robert Bonner; Jack Leiby; Unit #6 Chief Steward Willis Lamb; Local 399 business manager John Belt; Unit #6 treasurer Fred Ferris; Local 399 treasurer Frank Hunsberger; Donald Johnston; Gerald Paschon. This group represents one of the local's 16 units.

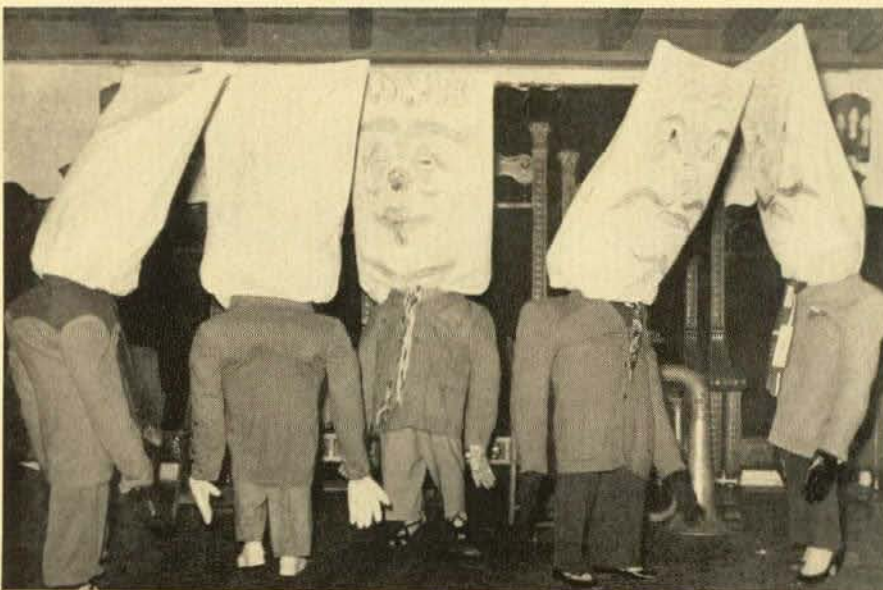
Gay Annual Santa Barbara Party



Presented with "Job of the Month Certificates" at their recent Annual Party are the following members of Local 413, Santa Barbara, Calif. Front row, left to right: E. Preston; H. Pellamounter, Jr.; C. W. Boynton; J. Pye; A. Ludd, and W. McCracken. Rear row: H. Johnson; J. Sim; Carl Casad; C. Swenumson; R. Tyler; F. Osborne, and H. Dobson who made the awards. At right is Brother Colin Menzies, one of the producers of the show, doing a pantomime act.

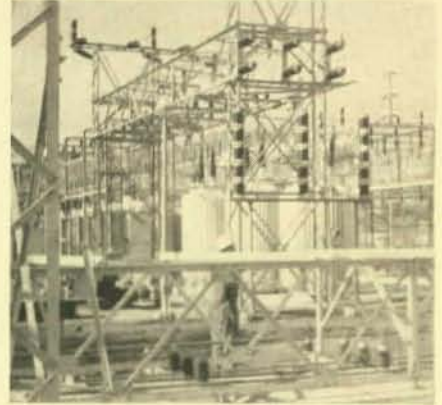
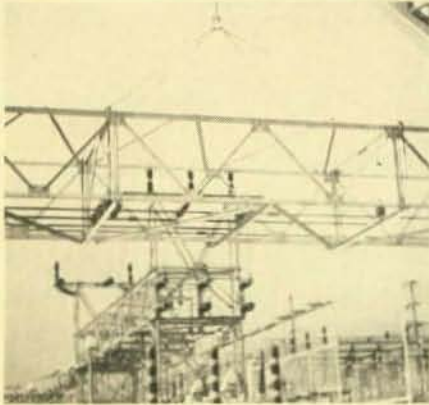


Left is the evening's Dixie Land Band, left to right: Peter Main; Richard Laird; Arnold Ludd; James Pye; Robert Wilson, and Frank Wilson. And at right, on come the Chorus Girls, left to right: Mrs. F. David; Mrs. J. Pye; Mrs. H. Shirley; Mrs. Chet Hartman; Mrs. E. Kubsch, and Mrs. J. Scholl.

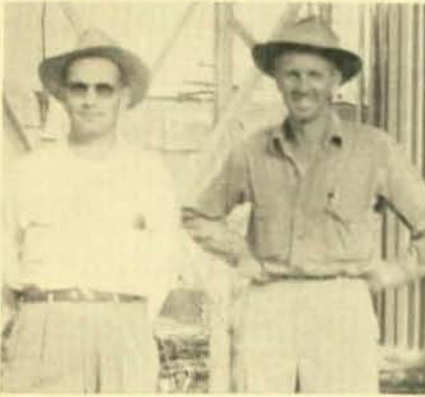


"Crazy Ottos" by the mesdames Bill Shirley, Fred David, Chet Hartman, E. Kubsch and J. Gallagher, left. At right is a piano and violin act by Mrs. V. Peacock and E. Kubsch.

Activities of Local 413, Calif.



Views of the construction at the Southern California Edison Company employing members of Local 413, Santa Barbara, Calif., above. Below are members of Local 413 working on the Edison job and named in their press secretary's letter.



"clam diggers," Bill and Al Rutledge, at the February 25th meeting. The members were feted to a good old "Jersey Shore clam feed," on the half shell and steamers. Al and Bill truly know how to prepare the "fixin's" for such a feast. They are young men but old timers at preparing such tasty delicacies. Our hats are off to these boys for their hard work.

Since our Health and Welfare Plan has been in existence, a few of our members have already benefited. As we progress, more benefits are anticipated. Business Manager Joseph M. Boa, trustee of the plan, informed the body that new and additional benefits are being written and will be submitted to the insurance carrier for approval.

There have been many pros and cons since the inauguration of the plan, but like many new benefits, it will weather the storm and undoubtedly be viewed with a great deal of respect. It is still in its infancy, but given a chance, it will prove its value. We will keep the JOURNAL posted on future developments so that other locals can judge for themselves accordingly.

Time has passed quickly since we had our last Ladies Night, so on April 30, we shall have a dinner and dance with prizes. Louis Fornarotto who thought the ladies were quite forgotten and submitted the suggestion



This crew of members dismantled the Christmas tree after the holiday season. Front row, left to right: Ben Bartlett and son; Miss Pearl Chase and Miss Mountbatten, in charge of Community Christmas Committee; Harry Allen; Frank Wilson; Carl Casad, president of local. Second row: Roy Larsen; Ray Atherton; Erwin Langlo; Arnold Ludd; Dave Ross; Robert Wilson. Third row, James Pye; Phillip Felig; Ernest Preston; Al Acuna; Chester Hartman; Harold Johnson; Bill McCracken; Dave Milne, business manager of local; Bill Shirley, and Victor Peacock.

for this affair was selected as chairman. Yours truly is Lou's assistant. There will be more about this following the gala night . . . with photographs.

Employment is still very slow in our jurisdiction, last count of men out of work was 10. We all hope spring brings a deluge of work.

Fellows like George Jones and his brother Joe, and Clinton Hayes don't have to be concerned about work. Their thoughts are remote from such a dreary subject. The lucky boys are in Florida soaking up the tropical sun while we shiver our bones. Enjoy yourselves men, it's cold, rainy and downright miserable up here. We all

Present Honors in Bakersfield



At a recent ceremony, presentation of scrolls and pins was made by Local 428, Bakersfield, Calif., to members with twenty years or more continuous membership in the I.B.E.W. Front row, left to right: Albert Gieskieng, 30 years; John P. Starr, 20 years; David Beauchamp, 20 years; Raymond F. Vinson, 30 years; International Vice-President O. G. Harbak; Leon Switzer, 35 years; Jack Swoboda, 25 years; A. D. Chapman, 30 years; M. C. Ness, 35 years; Dene R. Cottrell, 25 years, and George Delanty, 20 years. Back row: Ivan Beavan, business manager; Harry E. Long, Jr., Executive Board member; Robert N. Ward, recording secretary; Roland S. McKinley, treasurer; Edward J. Hoefficker, Executive Board member; Don Traynor, Executive Board member; Daniel L. DaCastello, vice-president; Art Carlton, Executive Board member, and Lyle Bragg, president. Receiving Scrolls and Pins but not present were: Louis Bauer, 30 years; J. A. Daley, 30 years; Frank Flynn, 30 years; Ernest Clements, 25 years, and E. L. Walling, Sr., 25 years. K. R. Allan, Executive Board member, was also absent.

wish you a pleasant Southern stay.

It is once again my sad duty to announce the passing of two more brothers of this local.

Jerry J. Boa, brother of our business manager, has passed away to the great beyond. Brother Jerry was the stage electrician at the Convention Hall in Asbury Park, formerly manager of the Old Opera House in Long Branch and electrician for the Walter Reade theaters for many years. He was at one time, during the early days of "400," union delegate. Brother Jerry was 74 years of age at the time of his death and only recently retired from his duties at the Convention Hall. He was also a member of the International Alliance of Theater and Stage Employees.

Clarence (Kapp) Bennett, 71, lifelong resident of Asbury Park succumbed after a short illness a few days prior to Jerry. If there is a meeting place in the Great Beyond, our deceased members will surely join each other as they so proudly did here on earth. Although I did not personally know "Kapp" Bennett, I'm told he was an affable person well liked by all who came in contact with him.

We have been informed that the Ciba States, Ltd., Chemical Manufacturers, located at Toms River, New Jersey and elsewhere, are planning new additions to their recently constructed plant.

This is wonderful news, as it provided work for a period of over three years a short while ago.

Considering the chemical industry as a whole, the estimated plant and equipment outlay for this year will exceed 1954 by more than one percent. In cash this totals roughly, 27.1 billion dollars.

According to the Manufacturing Chemist Association, here's how that sum will affect the construction field.

The industry's current, privately financed construction totals \$2,730,000,000. About one third of this is wages and salaries paid to construction workers and supervisors, or \$910,000,000. What proportion of this represents local expansion is not as yet known, but bearing the figures in mind, it is quite obvious that this industry is one of the leading enterprises of our time.

Considering the balance after wages, etc., for construction, there will be \$1,820,000,000 spent for equipment or building materials. Assuming that one third of this balance represents wages and salaries of producers and engineering services, these construction projects represent \$603,000,000 in personal income for Americans.

So what happens when industry expands? New wealth and prosperity are created by chain reaction that reaches out widely. That's one reason, we in the construction picture should be cheered, we can count our blessings and really smile, America is a wonderful place to live, play, and work.

Figures for the Ciba expansion program are not yet available. The above

is a projected plant and equipment accumulation for the Chemical Industry as a whole.

RICHARD D. DE MERS, P. S.

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Elaborate Productions Highlight Dinner-Dance

L. U. 413, SANTA BARBARA, CALIF.—Many things have taken place in Local 413 since I last wrote the JOURNAL and I will attempt to bring everyone up to date. I am enclosing several photos of our recent annual dinner-dance and as usual this affair gets bigger and better. This year the party was held on February 26th and a wonderful variety show was put on by the members and their wives. The committee handling this affair was composed of Harold Johnson, James Pye and Collin Menzies. Brothers Pye and Menzies and Mrs. Arnold Ludd were the show producers. The following members and their wives were in the various acts: Brothers Harold Johnson, A. Ludd, R. Wilson, P. Main, F. Wilson, R. Laird, R. Boynton, J. Pye, W. Boynton, Mrs. E. Kubsch, Mrs. P. Main, Mrs. A. Ludd, Mrs. J. Gallagher, Mrs. C. Hartman, Mrs. F. David, Mrs. Shirley, Mrs. V. Peacock, Mrs. J. Pye, Mrs. J. Scholl and Mrs. R. Laird. I hope I have not overlooked anyone as these people put in a lot of time and turned out a fine show for the 160 members and guests who attended.

Another feature of the evening, which has become a regular, was the awarding of 30-year membership pins and certificates. This year we had just one member who was eligible for this award and this was Brother Harry Dobson, electrical inspector, for the city of Santa Barbara. It was this writer's honor to present this award to Brother Dobson.

Brother Dobson, who was master of ceremonies for the evening, presented the "Job-of-the-Month Certificates" to all members who had earned them during the past year. Each month during the preceding year a member is picked for having done the best job in regards to workmanship, lay-out and neatness. The following members were presented with these awards, Brothers R. Tyler, J. Pye, E. Burdick, H. Pellamounter, Jr., J. Sim, C. Swenumson, C. Casad, F. Osborne, H. Johnson, E. Preston, A. Ludd, W. Boynton

and W. McCracken. One member highly commended on winning this award was Brother Bill McCracken as this was the third straight year he has been awarded one of these certificates.

I am also enclosing a photo of a group of our members who donated their time to the Community Christmas Committee to decorate and dismantle the 90-foot Christmas tree.

We have been successful during the past months in having a new city electrical code approved and it is now in operation. We, also for the first time, have county inspection on Electrical work and a very good county electrical code. The employment for our members in this area has held up very well during the winter months and we are looking forward to a good year, although no large projects are in the planning and we will probably be able to man all jobs with our local members.

I am enclosing several photos of one of the projects underway in the jurisdiction of Local No. 413 at the present. This job is being done by the Bechtel Corporation for the Southern California Edison Company and is the first sub-station work in this area for quite some time. Several of our members have been working on this project and we also have had several traveling members at times. The group photo is composed of the following Brothers, front row, l. to r.: Paul Hantke, J. Murry, F. David (Job Steward), Fred Whitson, C. W. Boynton, Rear row, l. to r.: Les Henderson, D. Clark, C. Swenumson, W. Shirley, J. McCauliffe, E. Miller, J. Clark and Dave Milne, business manager. The two gentlemen in the other photo are the brass on the project, on the left is E. F. McNatt, job superintendent and Jack Whitson, job foreman. This is an addition to the exist-

Report to Local 428 Meeting



Above are representatives of the C.P.S. Health and Welfare Plan and its trustees, and below is a scene from the local's meeting hall in Bakersfield, Calif.



ing sub-station in this area and was started in January and will probably be completed sometime in June or July.

At this writing all members of the local are working and the work outlook is very bright at this time. Our Negotiating Committee is getting prepared for the first of May at which time negotiations will begin with the employers for changes in the current agreement. I hope to be able to report on some favorable changes soon.

D. G. MILNE, B. M.

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I. O. Representative At Old-Timers' Meet

L. U. 428, BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.— At our recent Old-Timers' Meeting, the linemen including International Vice President Harbak, almost took over. If that announcement doesn't bring the members out to meetings we can try something else. Any ideas, other than burlesque shows or depressions, will be considered.

Minority groups in mixed local unions, often accuse the majority group of creeping jurisdictionalism. However, on special occasions, the minority group re-evaluates the old slogan that "there is strength in numbers" especially when one of these members is an I. O. Representative, and particularly so when it is the I.V.P. himself. At this particular meeting it is safe to say that the wiremen were a little nervous. Two linemen, John Starr and Red Delanty received scrolls and pins, and the man of the evening was, in the linemen's opinion, Mr. Lineman himself: O. G. Harbak, International Vice President.

This was the first formal Old-Timers' meeting held by Local 428 since 1949. Naturally, without any reservations, the members were pleased and honored that International Vice President Harbak could attend and take part in the ceremonies.

Before the meeting, the members who were to receive scrolls and pins were feted to a steak dinner by the local union. I.V.P. Harbak and the officers of the union acted as hosts at this dinner. At the meeting Chairman Bragg prefaced the formalities of the occasion by giving a brief union biography of the honored members.

Brothers Raymond Vinson, Ernie Clements and Louis Bauer are now successful electrical contractors. At one time, each of these contractor members held important offices in the local union, and were instrumental in forming and maintaining the policy of this union.

Brothers M. C. Ness, Albert Gieskieng, E. L. Walling, Sr. and John Starr, are justifiable proof that the I.B.E.W. pension is in operation and worthy of our support.

Brothers M. C. Ness, Raymond Vinson, Ernie Clements and David Beauchamp were initiated in the I.B.E.W. by Local 428, and have never had their cards in any other local union.

Brothers John Starr, Al Chapman and E. L. Walling were initiated in Local 343 of Taft, which was amalgamated with Local 428 in 1953.

Brother Charles Rohrer, retired International Representative, was also invited to be present as a guest of honor. He was unable to accept the invitation due to ill health. The members are sorry that he couldn't attend and wish him a speedy return to better health.

After this preface, I.V.P. Harbak, at the request of the chairman, presented the scrolls and pins to the honored members. He followed this presentation with a very appropriate and interesting account of many of the highlights of the I.B.E.W. history. Naturally this was not complete until he brought everyone up to date on the latest developments in the electrical field.

It was a most interesting meeting, and Local 428 extends an invitation to the Vice President to return at his earliest convenience.

Health and Welfare insurance is not mysterious or new to many people. Group plans, either wholly or partly paid by the employer, are now accepted by many wage earners as an everyday necessity. Probably some of the last well-organized groups to seriously consider this protection are the crafts within the building trades, or the construction industry.

This confusion is not especially strange in an industry that is so competitive that annual incomes of the same craftsmen are widely varied, and full-time employment is uncertain for so many. It is, however, obvious that construction people have been reluctant to accept or demand this benefit that has been pioneered and improved by service crafts and production workers, and has been included in their contracts for a number of years. In fact, the building trades mechanics did not realize the importance or possibility of this insurance until it was offered by the last Wage Stabilization Board as an allowable negotiable item.

During that period, "Employer paid Health and Welfare Plans" were negotiated into some construction agreements mainly because the employer was willing to increase the hourly wage rate, and this was the only increase allowed under the act. In some of these agreements the parties expected to revert this payment to hourly wages when the restrictions were lifted. These groups soon realized that this insurance was not only feasible but that it was a welcome protection to the family; and rather than transfer it to an hourly wage in-

crease, it was generally considered desirable to not only retain the plan, but to attempt to broaden its coverage.

It is believed that most objections are from those who are unfamiliar with the coverage and the operations of the plan.

In 1954, after considerable hassle, and assistance from the Council of Industrial Relations, Local 428 negotiated a Health and Welfare Plan in its Construction Agreement. An invitation was extended by the sister locals in the San Francisco Bay Area to participate in their Area Plan underwritten by C. P. S. This invitation was accepted as this affiliation and plan was considered best for a number of reasons.

Participating in a plan where a larger number of people are covered, insures greater coverage for the money spent. Larger groups can demand lower rates; maintain a more stable experience rating; and give the member who seeks work outside his own local union a better opportunity to continue his health and welfare insurance.

In order to help eliminate misunderstanding and confusion on the coverage of the adopted Health and Welfare Plan, the local union held an open meeting for the members and their families. Several Representatives of the insurance carrier were present and explained the operation of the plan, and answered all individual questions from the audience. After the meeting, coffee and doughnuts were served by the local officers' wives.

In conclusion, Health and Welfare insurance is only one more step in eliminating another financial hazard that has plagued the working man for many years.

The Grim Reaper was active in Local 428 during the year of 1954. Brothers Norman (Jack) Schmidt, Harry Scribner, Robert E. (Blacky) Paxton and Harry Stamper, all received that final call. Their passing leaves a sadness and an unfilled place in the hearts of those who were dear to them.

IVAN BEAVAN, P. S.

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Provisions of Inside Wiremen's Agreement

L. U. 435, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA— At the time the last letter to the JOURNAL was sent, the inside wiremen's agreement had not been settled. Since, however, we have had a settlement for 20 cents per hour; that is, 10 cents from November 22, 1954, 5 cents on February 1, 1955 and the remaining 5 cents on September 1, 1955. This will set our wage rate for journeymen electricians at \$2.10 per hour. The rate for helpers was not altered

Modern County Buildings



At left is the new Calhoun County court house in the jurisdiction of Local 445, Battle Creek, Mich. Structure in background is the very old court house, to be torn down when the new one is completed. And, as a salutary lesson to whom it may concern, at right is the new County jail.

and of course the wages for apprentices are on a percentage basis of the journeymen's wages. While on this subject our Negotiating Committee and business manager deserve thanks for a hard job well done.

According to our January JOURNAL Brother G. H. Morrison of L. U. 435 had his pension approved. Congratulations Brother, may we wish you many happy years of retirement.

It is surprising what a good turnout L. U. 435 has been having at their local meetings lately. Could it be because of the entertainment that is being planned for after some of these meetings? If so let's keep it up, it certainly makes for a good evening with so many present.

Congratulations go to Brother Jack Shirkie, Business Manager, Brother D. Korfman and Brother H. L. Coventry.

Brother Coventry and Brother Korfman are to be business managers for Local 435.

Brother Jack Shirkie's promotion came from the International Office. He was appointed an International Representative by International President Milne on March 1.

The big project in Winnipeg this year will be the new post office building started last year, although the excavation has taken so long some of the people are wondering when they will stop going down and start going up.

R. WILL, P. S.

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Proposed Licensing of Michigan Electricians

L. U. 445, BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—Since my last article, the work situation here has been good. We have enough work for our local members and occasionally a few others. We feel it only fair to help out our neighboring locals that have helped us out when we needed it badly. If we have more work than we can handle we

will call for help. My reason for the above statement is this. It seems our business agent received some calls from a distant local member. We couldn't help their member so his phone expense was fruitless. Sorry if our last article misled anyone.

The work around here seems good for this summer and maybe longer.

We understand that the State of Michigan is about to license electricians in this state. We like the idea and hope it goes into effect soon.

We had graduation from the apprenticeship class last week. Four boys from here made the grade this time. They are Howard Green, Jack Smith, Robert Hasmer and Guy Bachman. The latter is a utility man for the City of Marshall. Congratulations to these four Brothers.

We had a wonderful dinner and also saw some good pictures on Civil Defense. The Federal Civil Defense Administration showed us the movies.

Enclosed with this article is another photo of one of our jobs now in process. This job is large in size but had few men on the electrical end of it. It is our new courthouse and county building and county jail. It is going to be a beautiful building and one that Calhoun County can be proud of. Union Electric Company of Battle Creek was the electrical contractor. The job was run by Norman Brininstal, with Hugh White, Dan Van Zandt and others helping out. We surely are grateful to Brother Kenneth Yaw, who is our photographer, for these pictures.

We are having good success with our credit union. We feel it is worth all the time and work that has been put forth in getting it going.

And now in closing, we would like to express our deepest sympathies to Brother Walter Anderson who suffered the loss of his wife, and also to Brother Tadd Wolf who lost his son in an auto accident. May our good Lord give them all peace of mind.

WALTER VAN ZANDT, P. S.

Expansion of AEC Work Aids Local 449

L. U. 449, POCATELLO, IDAHO—It has been a long winter and a long time since my last letter. Something else to blame on the weather. We have a lot of sickness here and the powerful drugs seem to have lost their miracle-working attributes. Maybe the germs ganged up or the shots didn't hit the mark. Pneumonia ranked pretty high, at any rate.

Our business manager L. C. Jenkins is among the newlyweds, since December, and is looking very happy and contented. Hearty felicitations!

Work is continuing on the desert, and has held up beyond our expectations, due mainly to the expansion work by AEC. The antelope come down to the fence now and wonder why we are inside. They seem so tame.

The outside men are about through with the power line work on the new TV installations in to Pocatello. Then we are promised "live" shows instead of the canned variety.

Palisades Dam is soon to start on a full-time schedule with much to be accomplished in the next 18 months. The calendar is fairly well filled for the coming year, in our profession at least.

Two of our Brothers, L. L. Rayle and William Barlow, are going into the contracting business. Good luck boys in the new venture.

A new contract is being negotiated between the contractors and Local 449. I should be able to give you more information in my next letter.

Election of officers will be held in June and some of the boys are already "lectioneering" for their favorites for the different offices.

The "beat the unions" or to be a little more genteel, the "Right-to-Work" law was passed recently in Utah but not in Idaho. Many thanks to you who voted for the real interests of your fellow man. A commit-

At Anniversary Celebration



When Local 456, New Brunswick, N. J., marked its fortieth anniversary recently with a dinner and dance, these prominent members were also in attendance. From left: Executive Board Chairman Frank Marchitto; Charter Member William C. Fellows, and Local President Joseph J. Schultz.

tee will be named in the near future to handle our Golden Jubilee which we will celebrate in August.

We are proud to be able to tell you we have four new little people to brag about, two of whom may one day be members of Local 449 and the other two to the housewives league. Whatever their chosen profession we wish them health, peace and happiness. It's a boy for the Bob Coopers and Ed Norbys and girls for the J. Morgans and the Bill Adamsons. Congratulations to all!

JOHN H. McDONNELL, P. S.

Local 456 Celebrates Fortieth Anniversary

L. U. 456, NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. —Three hundred persons attended the 40th Anniversary dinner dance of Local 456 at the Pines in Edison township on April 20, 1955.

Guest of honor was William C. Fellows of Middlesex borough, one of two charter members still active. The other charter member, John D. Gillis of Highland Park was unable to attend.

Joseph J. Schultz, local president, reviewed the history of the local in his welcoming address.

Guest speaker was Edward J. Paten, New Jersey secretary of state.

Toastmaster was Captain Fred A. Scheidig of the Highland Park Police Department.

The invocation was offered by the Reverend James J. Duffy, pastor of St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church in Edison. Rabbi Paul Kalich, chaplain at Camp Kilmer, delivered the benediction.

Special guests were Alfred T. Smalley, Highland Park chief of police and a former member of the local union; Fred C. Porges, apprentice coordinator for Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School System; P. Joseph Quinn, business manager of the New Jersey Division of the National Electrical Contractors Association; Henry Ness of Triangle Conduit and Cable, also a former local member; Norris M. Terwilliger, local contractor; and Irving Schaffer, chairman of New Jersey State Electrical Workers Welfare.

In the accompanying picture are, left to right, Frank Marchitto, chairman of Executive Board of the local union, former president and chairman of Dinner Committee; Charter Member William C. Fellows; and President Schultz.

The tremendous success of the affair was due to the strenuous efforts put forth by the committee in charge plus the fact that the ladies were invited and were greeted with an orchid corsage no less.

Brother Allen Pierson sustained a quite painful broken leg in a fall from a ladder while at home.

Brother William G. Morris, III has passed his journeyman's examination and Brother James De La Plaine, Jr., has been initiated. Congratulations Brothers.

EUGENE J. McLAUGHLIN, P. S.

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Local Helps Instruct Indonesian Students

L. U. 465, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Two of the companies with whom Local 465 has contracts are doing their bit toward bettering international relations. The San Diego Gas and Electric Company and the San Diego Transit System have placed seven Indonesian students in various shops on their respective properties, where 465 journeymen are teaching them the use of tools in an on-the-job training program. These young men are high-school graduates who attended school in central Java. They came to the United States with a delegation of 400 Indonesian students who are here for the purpose of learning various crafts and preparing themselves to become teachers at the vocational school level upon their return to Indonesia. Their period of residence and training in our country was made possible by the United States' foreign aid program.

As visiting students under the foreign aid program, they receive a monthly allowance which is paid partly by the government of Indonesia, and partly by the U. S. Government. The allowance covers their living expenses and provides them with spending money. It is interesting to note that many of their purchases have been articles for use in the home. They've had to acquire new tastes for food and develop new eating habits since coming to San Diego, but they are now as much at home around a hamburger stand as we natives.

Local 465 members have extended a hearty welcome to these lads. We have had them in union meetings, where their cheery good humor and eager questions made a big hit. They have shown great interest in unionism, and express themselves as greatly impressed by the democratic processes at work in the United States.

We are indebted to Mr. Bill Dyke, editor of the Gasco "News Meter," and to Luran Clapp, editor of the Transit System "Transit Topics" for the enclosed photographs. We feel that these two companies deserve special mention for the expense and effort they have volunteered in this project. Also, credit should go to our own members who are taking extra pains to teach these young fellows.

VERN HUGHES, B. M.

Charter Members Cited At Anniversary Fete

L. U. 488, BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—In 1953, L. U. 488 I.B.E.W. celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a dinner dance honoring its charter members. This anniversary party was a great success in every way, and helped pave the way for more social contact among our members.

At the meeting of February 1955, our local had the privilege of presenting awards to three pioneer members of our local, who are still active members. Forty-year pins were awarded to Brothers Stiles S. Whiting and Charles L. Kelly Sr. and a 30-year pin to Brother Charles Whiteley. Although not charter members, these Brothers knew the travail of the very earliest years of our local, and their total years of active membership add to 110 years!

These Brothers have held high offices in our local including the chairmanship. Brother Kelly is the electrical inspector for the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut and Brother Whiting has seen much service as special electrical inspector for housing.

Brother Whiteley has held a position of electrical foreman for many years. Younger members may well have respect for the length of worthy service of these pioneers!

DONALD G. MANSON, P. S.

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Late Winter Storm Hits Utility Workers

L. U. 494, MILWAUKEE, WISC.—This is being written during the week of vernal equinox, and in honor of the occasion Milwaukee and the members of Local 494 were treated with a return of winter in the form of sleet, five inches of snow and high winds. All this in March, 1955. Many wires and poles were down as a re-

sult of the storm. The territory to the north was subjected to even more serious conditions for our utility boys. The spring storms in this area always result in a late start for the year's building programs and a lot of grief for our electric power boys.

An all-time peak load of 874,000 K.W. was carried by the Wisconsin Electric Power Company on February 28, 1955. In addition to our own load we helped Chicago with 40,000 K.W. and the Wisconsin Michigan Power Company with 50,000 K.W.

Our utility business representative, Walter Gerke, returned to work after an illness of several months, to help conclude negotiations for the 1955

power company contract. Milton Peters, who carried on the negotiations during Walter's absence up to the signing of the agreement, is continuing to carry the work in the power company extension division and the Wisconsin Michigan Power Company. The highlight of the power company contract is a fourth week of vacation for 25 years or more of service.

Our Local Union President, Arthur Schroeder, has been largely instrumental in organizing a class in Electrical Code for members of Local 494. The class has continued to enjoy a high attendance over the past two months, and the instructors are doing

Train Students from Java



Mr. J. B. Bowen (seated), superintendent of Electric Maintenance, welcomes three Indonesian students who recently began on-the-job training under the tutelage of Local 465 journeymen, on the San Diego Gas & Electric Co. property. The students are (from right to left): Darsano, Tegoeh, and Sastrowinoto. Standing at rear are Ira A. Dodge (left), teacher-consultant for San Diego vocational schools, and John Came, foreman of Electric Maintenance.



Two of the Indonesian engineering students on the San Diego Transit System property, Koento Poernamo and Bustami Achir, look on as Local 465 Member Phil Debus explains the operation of a fuel injector, left. Right: Mohammed Djamil and Sjamsuddin Putih adjust a wrist pin under the watchful eye of Frank Borton, Local 465 vice-president.

Awards for Charter Members



When charter members of Local 488, Bridgeport, Conn., were honored at that local's 40th Anniversary Dance, these members were special guests. From left: Charles Whiteing, 30-year pin; Charles L. Kelly, Sr., 40-year pin; Frank Mylen, Local president (presenting awards); Stiles S. Whiting, 40-year pin.

an excellent job. The men who attend are most enthusiastic about the review and really appreciative of the opportunity. They wonder how they got along before classes started.

Milton Pyzik has continued his Labor's Political League activities as well as his Educational Committee work. Here in Milwaukee we have

the unique experience of a joint A.F.-L. and C.I.O. political league. In fact, until recently when their representative passed away, one large independent union was also affiliated with L.P.L. The members are carrying on an active campaign in the judicial and school board elections as well as with respect to some important refer-

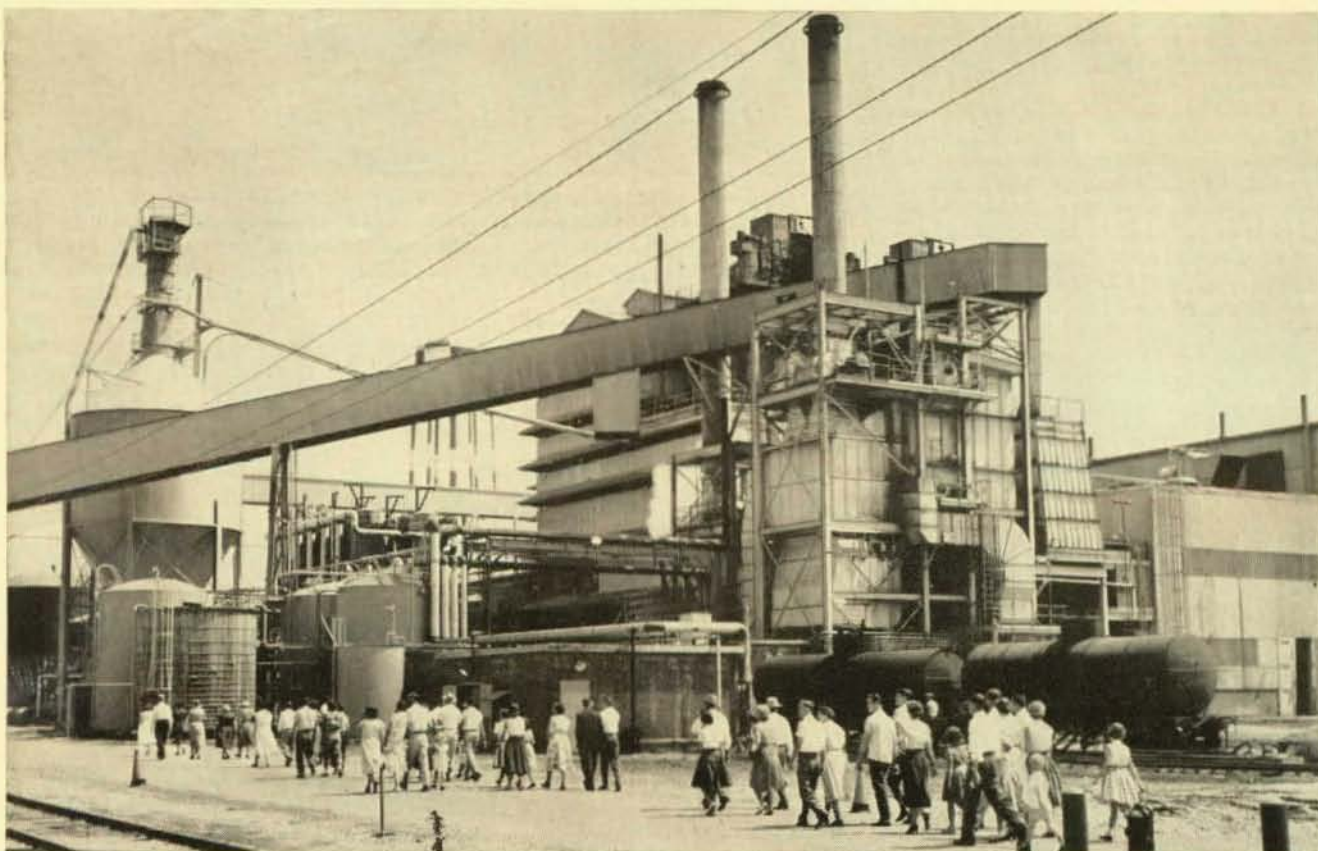
endum questions which will appear on the April ballot.

Our Business Manager, Rex Fransway, has been extremely busy this month appearing in Madison before various legislative committees. This session of the State Legislature may go down in our history as one of the most reactionary, anti-labor legislatures in Wisconsin history. There are more anti-labor bills now introduced that will hamstring us with respect to political action, weaken our compensation laws, deprive us of our representation in the legislature by substituting arbitrary "areacrat" schemes of representation than have ever been introduced at one time in the past. Thus far, they are holding back on the "right-to-wreck" laws and we believe this is because our reactionary controlled legislature wants to wait and see if they can push through their "political action" bill which will prohibit unions from making political contributions of any kind to help elect candidates who will give us fair, honest representation.

Also this week, Rex was appointed by the County Board of Supervisors to serve on the Milwaukee County Park Commission. This job added to his many other civic responsibilities will keep him hopping at a fast clip.

We hope that if and when warmer weather arrives our Brothers will be

With Local 511, Valdosta, Ga.



Guests of National Container's first open house view two of the large boilers. To rear are chemical recovery boilers.

stirred to sending letters to their Congressmen and Senators asking support for the A.F.L. proposed amendments to the Taft-Hartley and Davis-Bacon Acts. These bills H.R. 4565 and 4566 and S. 1269 and 1285 are of extreme importance to all building tradesmen and if we all do our part we feel confident of favorable action in Washington. **IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NECESSARY.**

While you're writing—how about letting me hear from you with a brief news item or two!

RALPH BRICHTA, P. S.

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Prospects Good for Summer Employment

L. U. 498, TRAVERSE CITY, MICH.

—After a slow winter, spring is here again. Work has begun on several of the jobs that we have been waiting for. Several of the others should be starting soon. Work was begun on the new Consumers Power building this week. Prospects are for enough work to keep our members busy for the summer.

Every day we have been waiting for a decision of work jurisdiction now being claimed by Local 876. How bus bar work inside a powerhouse can be claimed by an outside local and why Vice President Boyle does not make a decision, I do not understand. Of course, we all know of the most unfortunate automobile accident in which International Representative F. M. Harris was seriously injured, but certainly by now a substitute has been selected and taken over his duties.

Everyone in Local 498 wishes "Mel" Harris the best of luck and hopes he is recovering rapidly. Such misfortune is certainly hard to take.

Kysor Heater plant in Cadillac has let a non-union electrical contract and some of the boys are walking a picket line. Parsons in Traverse City have done the same thing but no work has begun as yet.

We hope to have both of these jobs straightened out in a few days.

GILBERT REID, P. S.

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Injured Member is Making Good Progress

L. U. 511, VALDOSTA, GA.—It was with deep regret that this local learned of the sudden death of our beloved President Emeritus D. W. Tracy, and it is with heartfelt sincerity that all our sympathy is given to his many thousands of friends, and especially to his widow and family.

Brother Tracy's memory cannot fail to live in this union to which he devoted his life, nor can he fail to be a great inspiration to us all.

Latest reports from Brother Charles

Guests of National Container



Visitors inspect the turbine room as E. R. Burr, power superintendent, left, and M. L. Garmon, assistant power superintendent, stand by to answer questions. Daily steam production of the power plant amounts to ten million pounds and is sufficient to heat 8,000 homes.



Saturday morning's open house was set aside for company officials and prominent local men who were largely responsible for the mill's being located at Valdosta, Ga., in Local 511's jurisdiction. At the conclusion of their tour a special luncheon was served. Refreshments were also served to other guests.

Willis, whose accident was reported in the last issue of the JOURNAL, indicate that he is making progress and the skin grafting is now complete. He sends many thanks to all the Brothers, and his friends from other crafts, who donated so generously when he was first burned. Brother Willis is still in Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami.

The Southeastern Council of the IBEW Pulp and Paper Industry met on March 18-19 in Atlanta at the Henry Grady Hotel with Brothers Henry Halter, chairman of the Maintenance Unit, and Ernest Folsom, business agent, attending as delegates from this local. The reports brought back are full of good information and it is urged that all locals affiliated with pulp and paper mills should send delegates to all subsequent meetings.

The current contract with the Na-

tional Container Corporation expires on June 30 and notice has been sent to the management by this local that we wish to meet for the purpose of collective bargaining for wages and working conditions for the coming year.

Georgia Power and Light Company and Florida Power and Light Company negotiations are set tentatively for Tuesday June 14 at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Brothers R. L. Hendricks and Lulaby Noles were burned recently by an arc from a shorted 440. Both were hospitalized, but Brother Hendricks was held for several days longer than Noles, due to several days of blindness. Both are up and around now, we are happy to report.

This issue of the JOURNAL finds this writer a trifle befuddled due to his

Apprentices of Local 557



These were the apprentices recently honored at graduation ceremonies staged by Local 557, Saginaw, Mich. Front row, from left: C. Dickey; F. Trybulski; R. Small; H. Hegenauer; H. Kluck; J. Herzog; E. Rogalski, and K. Flattery. (Back Row) R. Bostwick; H. Lamb; A. Darling, Jr.; J. Potts; S. Weiland; J. Ruppel; K. Gorte; L. Menard, and J. Leitow. U. S. Department of Labor representatives were guests.



This mill was constructed by Merritt-Chapman and Scott and all electrical work was furnished by this local. The power and electrical departments of this mill are in this local. So, L.U. 511 has played a large part in the construction, operation, and maintenance of this huge enterprise.

The cost of this mill was approximately 25 million dollars. There are more than 900 electric motors and more than 300 pumps in the mill.

More than 7,000 guests toured the mill during the open house.

A. K. HUTCHINSON, JR., P. S.

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Above is a group of the large number of members and guests that attended the impressive ceremonies. Below: John Van Derstein, chairman of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee, left, looks on as Alvin Darling, Sr., committee secretary, right, presents diplomas to Russell J. Bostwick, Howard Lamb and Alvin Darling, Jr.

recent entrance into the ranks of fatherhood. It's a little girl and the first child. It is all new to me, but I love it!

A highlight in our jurisdiction since our last letter to the JOURNAL, was the first open house of the Valdosta Mill of National Container Corporation.

Open house was held from 9 a.m.

until 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday April 15 and 16, and from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. Sunday April 17. Employees, their families, neighbors and friends of the company were admitted on a self-conducted tour of the huge kraft, pulp, board and paper mill.

Routes were roped off and arrows and signs directed the guests.

Officials Present at Apprentice Graduation

L. U. 557, SAGINAW, MICH.—On April 15, three apprentices were awarded diplomas from the IBEW and the U. S. Department of Labor. The three graduating apprentices were Russell J. Bostwick, Alvin Darling, Jr., and Howard Lamb.

Present at the ceremony were contractors and their wives, the apprentice class with the exception of three, members of Local 557's Executive Board and of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. There were also present, representatives from the U. S. Department of Labor for Apprentice Training as well as members of the Saginaw Board of Education on Apprentice Training. John Van Derstein did an excellent job as master of ceremonies.

Speakers for the occasion included Michigan's Secretary of State Jim Hare who gave a very enlightening speech on the needs of Michigan as to a living wage for teachers, better roads to carry increasing traffic, and an efficient way to tabulate the vote in Michigan.

Main speaker of the evening was Bill Damon, Director of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry. Mr. Damon's talk was on the apprentice program and the great amount of work being done to further this program through NECA and the IBEW. He also pointed out how other contractors, who were not active in the apprentice movement, were reaping the harvest of well skilled mechanics.

After dinner and speeches, Bill Damon met with the entire Apprentice Committee of Saginaw and pointed out different ways to better our apprentice program. He promised to send more literature to help us out in advancing our program.

Although we have had many obstacles thrown in our way, we have surpassed them and feel that with the well functioning committee which we have at this time that progress can and will be accomplished in the future.

We now have about 20 fine young men in our apprentice class who are progressing very well under guidance of our instructor, Carl Smith, who teaches electrical apprentices in surrounding areas such as Flint, Saginaw, Bay City and many other cities.

ALVIN DARLING, B. M.

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Attacks Efforts to Destroy Labor Unions

L. U. 558, SHEFFIELD, ALA.—This scribe will again give you a report from down Dixie way. News at this writing is scarce as hen's teeth. We in this area have been blessed with plenty of rain. Flood stage has run the highest since 1901. We have grumbled and murmured about the cold weather and high water, yet there is nothing the doctors, lawyers or scientists can do to bring about warm weather. After all the Providential Hand plays its role in the mass minds of parasites who destroy the farmer's crop. While the parasites who oppose the labor movement are still on the go, the boys have hoisted the banner, walked the line in all kinds of weather to bring about harmony, peace and food for the craftsman. So the building trades invented a poison in order to exterminate the little fellows, and the spray brought destruction to some, yet there are still a few on the rampage in the whole jurisdiction.

Fellows, work in this area is short, as in most all places. We have a large number of men on the bench. We predict more men terminated on one of our large jobs by press time. There will be a skeleton crew left at Colbert Steam plant, so I guess a large number of our boys will be on the road shortly.

On March 25, our boys enjoyed a nice dinner sponsored by our local, honoring our local's anniversary. The meeting was held in the V.F.W. hall in Sheffield with some outstanding speakers as guests. Our Vice President for this district was on hand and delivered a fine address. Mr. Todd, one of our newly reelected state senators from Alabama was present for a nice talk with Brother J. O. Brown as master of ceremonies, who recognized all the local union officials of L.U. 558. There were some pins presented and Apprentice Certificates awarded. The show moved on with music presented, and all had a fine time according to the report given me.

Brothers Harry Cornett and Joe Stutts were recognized for their 36 years in the Brotherhood. Brother Odus Martin received his 30-year pin; Jimmie Lummus, 25-year pin. Congratulations, boys. May health and good luck be yours.

Well Brothers, from time to time your ole scribe has given you facts concerning the activities and conditions from various walks and phases of life, as far as his limited knowledge would permit. I stated in the beginning I was not going to try to please everyone, for the guy who doesn't make mistakes doesn't do anything. It has been a pleasure to serve our local in this appointed, not elected office, gratis. Some, who were straining at a gnat, have seemed to think I was political. It is not my desire to credit or discredit what anyone would say or do for our local union. It's true we may differ in belief and thought, but the mud we throw, comes off when dry. So Brothers, at the present, your scribe is not seeking office, has never held an elected office in Local 558, and as of now, has no intention. So to all of you seeking office, throw in your hat and may the best man win. Just keep it clean. "Be ye not unequally yoked with un-

believers and the unfruitful works of darkness. Come ye out from among them," said Paul.

Let's unite Brothers, in a common cause, for the advancement of labor. Awake from sleep, drowsiness, sluggish, unkindly, deceitful selfishness, backbiting, political movements. A house divided against itself cannot stand. United, we have power. Give us liberty! and a right to live, work, eat, sleep, talk and think as long as it isn't an abomination to our Creator. If we all cultivate that habit, not only our homes and towns, but our local unions will be a decent place to live and enjoy fellowship. We have a democracy, so let's not abuse it, but be thankful we have it.

At the close of each day, it might be well to ponder these thoughts:

What have I done through this day given me?

The day I didn't know I'd live to see, Who of my fellowmen have I mistreated?

Maybe in my speech, it was misrepresented,

If I lied to him, he won't forget it, Maybe I won't even know I said it, But I'm building for the years to be, What my fellowman sees in me.

Today is the tomorrow we talked about yesterday. Let's make the best of it.

So until next time, your ole scribe will say so long and be good.

GRANVILLE O. ALLEN, P. S.

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Heavy Winter Weather Marks Maine Spring

L. U. 567, PORTLAND, ME.—Spring is here according to the calendar, but this is Maine, so we have snow, hail, sleet, thunderstorms and in general, very bad weather. Sometimes, we people up here envy the states "South of the Mason-Dixon line," but the majority of the fellows will stay here

Big Job of Local 567



Business Manager Michael J. Dunn has a big job on his hands with the extensive territory of Local 567, Portland, Me., as shown on map at right.



and fight these so-called tough winters and when summer really comes, "we have it" because that's when the people "South of the Mason-Dixon line" would gladly trade places with us. So home and the seasons of the year are what you make it. And if we don't like it, all we have to do is pick up and go, even in Maine. Although we have heard, by the grapevine, that Maine has seceded from the Union. Believe me, fellow, it isn't so, we are still part of the good old U. S. A.

It's the last of March now and jobs that should be starting are still getting underway very slowly.

The B. M. reports on his last trip to Limestone there was about 18 feet of snow and the Loring Air Base where Dole Electric Company has the job of wiring a hanger 600 feet by 300 feet where icicles are hanging off the steel beams, four and five feet long—making work for the seven men left on the job having quite a hard time trying to work up there in the ice and cold.

Work has picked up a little. Eight men were called back to East Millinocket and Wiscasset now has 22 men on the job. East Boothby should start soon and as soon as the weather breaks, Limestone will use quite a few men. Harris Electric out of Pennsylvania, has eleven nose docks to build there, and there is some radar and guided missile work to be done also. It shouldn't be too long before we are all back to work again.

And speaking of Business Manager Dunn, this month I would like to write a little bit on the fellow who takes all the grief and gets very little credit — our business manager, Michael Dunn, better known as "Mickey." Although you fellows meet him on the job, I often wonder if you realize the amount of time and effort that goes into the job. Very seldom do you see "Mickey" stirred up, he's pretty easy going and congenial. That's something for an "Irishman." Yet on the other hand, he never sidesteps, whether it be with our contractors, you fellows, or the "Gillette Cavalcade of Sports."

With the article is a print of our jurisdictional map. It's a big state and as you can see there's a lot of ground to cover, and when winter sets in it really gets tough. Take this past winter, up north in Aroostook County, with Limestone, Madawaska and the rest to cover, it's a real problem, especially as this was a record-breaker with 182 inches of snow and temperatures ranging from 30 to 50 degrees below zero. "Mickey" plans to cover that northern section, including East Millinocket at least once a month. By the time he makes all the rounds up there, and it takes four to five days, he has driven, between 1000 and 1200 miles. That's a lot of wide open space up there, no wonder

he wanted a radio in the union car. It gets pretty lonesome on those long trips.

Some of the typical days he has gone like this: visit jobs at East Boothbay, Wiscasset, Brunswick, a round trip of about 180 miles: another day he might go to South Paris, Rumford all the shops and jobs in Lewiston, staying over in the evening to go to the Lewiston union meeting twice a month. That trip covers about 250 miles.

I think you fellows will agree that it isn't a "gravy job." Mickey must attend all the regular and Executive Board meetings both in Portland and Lewiston, all special meetings, meetings with committees, conference board, apprenticeship training, Central Labor Board, director's meetings, work on labor bills in Augusta, and other things too numerous to mention. Sometimes it seems as though there just aren't days and nights enough in the week to cover everything, but "Mickey" is doing a good job and for all the hard times we all give him sometimes he stays pretty level-headed and you can still see that "Irish" grin even when "Beau" gives him the needle.

Mickey's quite a family man, besides his good wife, Mary, he has three fine girls, Maureen, Peggy and Patty, plus two dogs and seven ducks and between them they lead "Mickey" a merry chase.

Recently Mickey signed Keystone Electric Service of Brunswick to a contract. Keystone, is a combination neon sign and construction shop. He also signed with Frank Cummings of Hodgman Brothers—Goudy and Stevens. This is rather a unique contract as far as Local 567 is concerned as it is the only construction local in Maine to sign for the electrical work to be done on new ships being constructed for the Navy.

Mickey's doing fine, let's all help to make his job as easy as possible and give credit where credit is due. Good luck, Mickey.

A note on our genial "world traveler", Brother McCann who is now back from one of his sojourns out West. Mac visited his son in Boise, Idaho, where he is a diesel electric engineer for General Electric. He also visited in Cleveland, Ohio and points in between.

WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, P. S.

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Past Winter Has Been "Very Hard One"

L. U. 568, MONTREAL, QUEBEC—Our last monthly meeting was very well attended, considering the number of members present at the previous meeting. We hope that all our Brothers will in the future show more

interest in the activities of their local by attending in still greater numbers during the summer months.

Work is progressing very slowly in our district, and still many of our members are unemployed. This past winter has been a very hard one indeed, and we sympathize with all our Brothers who have lost time, but unfortunately there isn't much we can do about it when the weather is the main cause of unemployment. The recent increase in pay is now applicable to all our members regardless of the firm they are working for in the building trades. The Order in Council, concerning our Collective Labor Agreement with the Corporation of Master Electricians of the Province of Quebec, Montreal Section, has now been published in the *Quebec Official Gazette* of March 26th, 1955, and is now administered by the Montreal Building Trades Joint Committee. All infractions concerning the working rules and rates of our collective agreement should be reported immediately to your local union office so that disciplinary action can be taken against everyone concerned.

The Agreement covering our members in the Manufacturing Industry at Bepco Canada Limited of Montreal has been signed after 12 months of negotiations, with an immediate increase of three to six cents per hour according to classification. The work week has been reduced by one and one fourth hour with no reduction in pay and two weeks' holiday with pay has been obtained for employees with three years service, and three weeks for employees with 20 years service.

L'assistance à notre dernière assemblée mensuelle était très encourageante pour nos officiers, considérant le nombre de membres présents à l'assemblée précédente. Nous espérons que tous les membres se montreront plus intéressés à l'avenir dans les activités de leur union locale et qu'ils se rendront en plus grand nombre encore aux assemblées durant les mois d'été.

Le travail n'est pas encore très abondant dans notre juridiction et nous avons encore des membres en chômage. L'hiver dernier a été très dur et nous sympathisons avec nos confrères qui ont été en chômage mais malheureusement on y peut rien quand la température en est la principale cause. La dernière augmentation de salaire est maintenant en force pour tous les électriciens du district de Montréal dans l'industrie de la construction qu'ils soient employés d'ateliers d'union ou non. L'Ordre en Conseil, relatif à notre convention collective, est maintenant publié dans la *Gazette Officielle* de Québec en date du 26 mars 1955 et est maintenant administré par le Comité Conjoint des Métiers de la Construction.

Toutes infractions concernant les taux payés ou conditions de travail en rapport avec cette convention collective devraient être rapportés immédiatement à votre bureau d'union afin qu'on puisse y remédier sans tarder.

La Convention collective pour nos membres dans l'industrie manufacturière chez Bepco Canada Limited de Montréal est maintenant signée après 12 mois de négociations. Cette convention accorde une augmentation de salaire de .03 cts à .06 cts selon la classification de l'employé. La semaine de travail est réduite à 41¼ (gain de 1¼ heure) sans diminution de salaire et les vacances payées sont de 2 semaines après 3 ans de service et de 3 semaines après 20 ans de service.

During the past few months, we have had numerous requests for information on the St. Lawrence Seaway Project, from different parts of Canada and the United States. At the present time, work is still in the preliminary stages and the manpower available for that project still exceeds the demand; so we would advise all our Brothers interested not to count too much on this job for future employment. The wide publicity given to this project has done more harm than good in that respect and we suggest that you keep in touch with your respective local unions for future development in order to avoid further disappointment on your part.

LOUIS G. THERIAULT, P. S.

Suggests Improvements In Unemployment Pay

L. U. 584, TULSA, OKLA.—Spring finds work still slack here. Out of a low of nearly 100 men idle we are now down to about 60, but things are picking up and with air-conditioning we should all be working soon.

Quite a few of us here had to apply for unemployment compensation and further realize how inadequate it is. Many improvements could be made. I don't know exactly what can be done about it. It takes almost a month to receive your first check. (This is my own pet peeve) The amount of \$28.00 per week is inadequate in this day and time, with a small family it would buy groceries but do little else. We don't need rocking chair money but as seasonal as our own work is, we should all be interested in that.

The guaranteed annual wage is merely a substitute for this. If the states where this is a hot issue, had a fair unemployment law this wage would not be necessary.

Some builders and politicians are continuously trying to weaken our city codes. We feel that we have a

good fair code here and once or twice a year they try to tear it down. A builder goes out and builds a few slab floored flat roofed houses and wants to run romex in the roof and actually wants to bury unenclosed wire in concrete. We miss a lot of this type of work but if we allow our code to be torn down here it will spread to other work. And of course we hope some day to have the new residential field too. Why they continually try to cut wiring to a bare minimum is questionable. Plumbing, mill work, trimming cannot be cut without notice. But they can cut the wiring and it won't show up till the house burns.

BOB DOOLEY, P. S.

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Work Rate Lowest In Past Fifteen Years

L. U. 595, OAKLAND, CALIF.—Our local has suffered more unemployment this spring than any time in the past 15 years. Many of our members cannot remember the time when this condition was considered normal. My first experience in the trade was at a time when eight month's work a year was considered normal. We had our periods of unemployment and we had to learn how to provide for them. Of course in those days we did not have so many temptations to spend money and it was necessary for us to realize that there were many things we could not afford. If a man cannot live on 80 percent of his income—then he is in a dependent position and a man in the best position to bargain for improvement is an independent man.

The membership of an organization, in order to deal intelligently with the various problems that arise, needs a wide dissemination of information and a more familiar acquaintanceship with all the facts to be dealt with, in order to properly understand the merits of various proposals and propositions. It is for this reason that the suggestion to our chairman that he appoint a political advisory committee to make informative reports regularly to the members, was considered well taken.

Rehearsal



Brother Patrick J. O'Brien of Local 595, Oakland, Calif., 'practices up' for his coming retirement by relaxing on the porch of his home.

It is hoped that this slack period will give many members time to give serious thought to the welfare of this local union and to realize that personal welfare is tied directly to that of the local union. Our local union too, needs the serious consideration and personal attention of all members and each member should realize that if the affairs of his local union should be other than perfect it is his own personal responsibility. The time to study the situation and plan a course of action to protect your local union and your fellow members—is now! Be prepared to take action when the time comes and above all be prepared to act intelligently.

When we consider the magnificent proportions of the salary increases taken upon themselves by political office holders throughout the various branches of government of our country and the contrasts that the minute pittance offered postal employees and the amount offered productive labor throughout the country—we are reminded of the contempt in which the racketeer holds the honest working man. This condition could rapidly get worse unless retarded in no uncertain manner. Stop paying men more for making "mistakes" than for honest labor. Count the "yes's" and see that those particular chickens come home to roost.

The enclosed photo is to let you Brothers know the lovable Patrick J. O'Brien is practising "enjoying leisure" at his mansion on Clear Lake in preparation for his coming retirement.

WILLIAM O. (BILL) HURTADO, P. S.

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Wage Hike for Linemen Of Local 602, Amarillo

L. U. 602, AMARILLO, TEXAS—We regret to report the passing of Grandmother Doxie Ingram, mother of the late Louie Ingram who served for many years as Vice-President of our Seventh District.

Work completions in December put a relatively large number of men on our bench to start the new year. Work is still slow but it is expected that some of the slack will be taken up shortly.

Quite a bit of thought and effort are being put forth toward maintaining good relations between our craft and the communities we serve. Individual contributions of labor and money have been spent to this end.

Negotiations have been completed putting into effect a \$2.90 per hour scale for our linemen. The utilities in the area are active. Several tie lines are being completed.

Our apprentice school program has been jeopardized throughout the state by the failure of the state's educa-

Bumper Crop in Jackson, Miss.



Three husky nominees for All-American honors in about 1970 are these prides of members of Local 605, Jackson, Miss. From left: Michiel Wayne Stevenson, grandson of Brother and Mrs. B. R. Peden; Jerry Van Landingham II, youngest son of Brother and Mrs. Pete Van Landingham and namesake of his late uncle, Jerry, a former member of Local 605; Curtis Alday, Jr., son of Brother and Mrs. Alday.



From left: Brothers Rufus Rigdon, Devon Johnson, and (in background) Frank Rushing, all Local 605 members.

tional budget makers to include an appropriation for it, covering the next two years. We have joined the concerted efforts of all crafts in the state toward having the appropriation restored.

We learn that Bert Jennings, one of our wiremen is in a local hospital with severe injuries sustained on the job.

CLAUD MCDANIEL, P. S.

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Letter from Traveler Reflects Brotherhood

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS.—Brother John Banks has had a couple of stays in the Baptist Hospital here recently. However we understand he is now improving. We are all pulling for your complete and speedy recovery and hope to see you back on the job real soon, Brother Banks.

Born to Brother and Mrs. Edward E. Canada, 1175 Alta Vista Boulevard, Jackson, Miss., a 7 lb., 11 oz., baby boy. This southern gentleman arrived March 3, 1955, his name is James Edward and he has one big

brother, aged five years. We wish the very best for all of you.

We just received a kindly letter from Brother A. O. Doom, 413 W. Church Ave., Sunnyslope, Arizona, which letter we think reflects the true spirit of brotherhood and the fine source of communication afforded by our JOURNAL. His letter in part:

"I suppose you will be surprised to hear from me, but you have been doing me a great favor each month (maybe unbeknowing to you), because the letter you write the WORKER each month, is like real news from home to me. It is the first thing I turn to when I open the magazine.

"This is a wonderful country in every respect with good people but you always have a tender place in your heart for old friends that is not too easily filled. And when you mention them in your letters it seems to bring us all nearer each other.

"I am connected with the Rio Electrical Contractors, Inc., here. If any of the boys come this way, tell them to be sure and look me up. Woodall, from Jackson used to call me up when he was out this way and I always enjoyed it, if only for a few minutes. If

and when you have the time a few lines from you will certainly be appreciated.

"P. S. Tell Bob Morrison if he hasn't forgotten me would like to hear from him too."

This brother became an employer some time ago and deposited his card in the I. O. With Brothers Dees and Dorsett they operated the Tripple D Construction Company, here in Jackson. Becoming one of our first fair contractors after World War II. We have faced this Brother across the negotiating table and found him fair all the way. The best of everything to you and yours, while out there in the West, Brother.

A recent election at the Swift and Company, killing plant in Jackson gave the AFL Butchers 78, No Union 8, Challenged 3 and Independent Union 5. So we say hurrah for our side. Incidentally this is a new plant.

We enclose three snapshots displaying some of our fine crop of youngsters. Who knows one of these boys may be President of the United States some day.

Below is a skit observed recently in an editorial:

"The premier of Burma is 'U NU' and all French premiers, from the viewpoint of the National Assembly, might as well be named 'AW NAW.'"

Our Central Labor Union here in Jackson is buzzing with activity lately and we are proud, for more than one reason. Our Office Secretary, Irene McDowell, President of AFL Office Employees International Union No. 316, Jackson, Mississippi, and Brother Hulon Barron, have been made trustees and Brother J. D. Cruithirds, vice president of that body. Brother Frank Scott and Mrs. McDowell are trustees of a local unit of LLPE, which is also a function of C. L. U.

Two of the above brothers, Barron

and Scott made some very interesting and educational reports to our last regular meeting, from the C. L. U. to which they are delegates. We feel sure these reports were enjoyed by all present. Incidentally, we had a great crowd and we must report that our attendance is very definitely improving since we are meeting on the second and fourth Thursday nights.

Well, all summed up, we are very happy to observe all the fine work being done by the above Brothers and Sister. We are sure you have the hearty thanks of all the union people in this area. Just keep up the good work.

Through this medium we extend our heart felt sympathy to our good friend Irene McDowell, local union office secretary, in the recent loss of her father.

We wish to extend greetings to our many friends and Brothers who are traveling or working in other locals of the Brotherhood. May the best of health and happiness prevail upon you and yours. We shall appreciate a line, snapshot or call from you. Address yours truly, Rt. 1, Box 4, (Tel. 1556) Greenwood, Mississippi or care of our local union, 116 Claiborne Street, Jackson, Miss. (L. U. Tel. 3-4831).

We wish at this time to thank the many local unions and business managers, who have so generously helped to secure employment for the traveling members of 605. We hope to be able to return the favor some time.

We are enclosing two snapshots showing three of our very popular members.

J. W. RUSSELL, P. S.

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Charter Member Bueche Is Guest of Honor

L. U. 611, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Last February 12th, Local Union 611 celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the issuing of its charter. The celebration was held at the Hilton Hotel in Albuquerque.

The men who signed the charter, which was issued February 17, 1914, were J. W. Pope, Claud Blair, S. I. Tiffany, Frank Quier, L. Edmondson, Jose Montano, J. E. Gilpin, W. E. Moore, and W. V. E. Bueche.

Of the above men, Brother Bueche is the only living member. Brother Bueche was in attendance as a guest of honor. The local union proudly presented him with a 40-year pin and a home movie camera and projector.

Other honored guests attending included Brother Art Edwards, international vice president, I. B. E. W. Seventh District; Brother George Barclay, International Representative, Seventh District, I. B. E. W.; M. C. Heffleman, vice president, Public Service Company of New Mexico; Bob

Roberts, secretary-treasurer, New Mexico State Federation of Labor; Bill Burrell, labor commissioner, State of New Mexico; and Mary Lou Lyons, state representative from Los Alamos, New Mexico.

The festivities started at 6:00 p.m. by a cocktail hour, followed by a banquet at 7:00 p.m. This in turn was followed by short speeches, introductions, presentation of gifts, floor show, and a dance.

During the evening Brother Art Edwards was made an honorary "Western Bad Man" and presented with suitable and appropriate clothing and transportation.

Brother Elmer Zemke, business manager and financial secretary of Local Union 611, was presented with a watch by the membership. Upon completing this term Brother Zemke will have completed 14 successful years in this office.

The door prize, a television set, was won by lucky Brother Tom Broadhead. The celebration was attended by over 500 people, and apparently a happy and memorable time was enjoyed by everyone.

Upon looking back over the 40 years which have passed since the issuing of the charter and the organizing of two shops, "Arnold Huning Electric Company, and Nash Electric Company," we note with pride that continued progress has been made, and today the local union members are employed on a majority of the electrical jobs of all types done within its jurisdiction, and the membership now numbers over 1100.

The local union has established a joint apprentice school and on-the-job training, which has enabled the electrical contractors and the local union to train and graduate qualified and competent journeymen wiremen. In addition a skill improvement program has been established. Other activities of which we are proud include our Federal Credit Union, and a Boy Scout Troop, sponsored by L. U. 611.

We believe that L. U. 611 has made much progress since the signing of the charter by the nine above named men. May we accomplish as much in the next 40 years.

LOREN O. TAYLOR, P. S.

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Explains Lay-off Plan Of California Project

L. U. 639, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF.—In my local quite recently when a question of fairness to one Brother in the Brotherhood was brought up to the floor, another Brother warned that possibly in this instance we were in violation of the Taft-Hartley act. I do not know the reaction of this on the Brother who thought that he was getting unfair

treatment, but I do know what my sworn reaction would have been. I would have been insulted at the inference that I might take advantage of such. The instigators of this, the greatest blow to labor ever fostered upon the workers of our republic would indeed gloat, if a Brother took advantage of his Brothers by using it. In this particular case we were as children quibbling over something which had no business being discussed at that particular time and place. And in all probability even as the children the thing will not get a second thought on the morrow.

To a few on my job of late I have listened to and answered to the best of my ability a few questions on the method of lay-off on a project such as ours, I refer to the Morrow Bay Steam Plant.

To an outside Brother, very indignant over our attempt to lay off outsiders first, I told the following tale. Over a period of four years I spent over \$4,000 of savings to stay home where I have lived for 17 years and where I have children of school age. Should I sit idle while a man from another city takes my place? I am asking, not telling.

To another who made the statement that a man with previous experience in this particular phase should never be laid off before the man with no previous experience. I would ask—suppose this should have been the practice before he received his knowledge?

Another made the statement that in time he with his study and attention to duty, would prove himself so valuable that the employer could not afford to lay him off. I would point to the many graveyards and ask if any who lay there had even for one moment retarded the wheels of progress by their passing. And yet I would not dampen his enthusiasm for knowledge.

We in this local feel that the only fair method of lay-off is seniority. Last come first to go. The last to go therefore is first on the next project and last to go. Also if the employer is given free rein to point the finger, the natural result of such practice, is a rat race. And what then happens to the oldster with all his accumulated knowledge who takes less steps to accomplish the same amount of work as the youngster. And although his daily output perhaps equaled or even surpassed the younger, he appeared too slow to the employer, and so the gate. Or the man who gives his all and yet is unable to equal his fellow workers record. Should he starve?

Brothers I am still asking not telling.

I enclose a pamphlet put out by the Bechtel Corporation in which was pictured the moving of our stator, the heaviest piece of anything ever transported over a highway. This record

load was the stator for one of two 156,000-kilowatt General Electric turbine generators for the new Morro Bay Steam Plant of Pacific Gas & Electric. It weighs 224 tons and is 29 feet long.

It took eight days to move it 10 miles, on a 200-horsepower truck tractor with four interjoined dollies 89 feet long. This was some job!

The plant at Napoma is near completion. Our project expects the first lay-off any day and by the time you read this the unit, now under construction, will be 98 percent or better completed. No definite date is set for starting the next. That this picture will change before another issue, is the fondest hope of yours truly.

ROCKY HUFF, P. S.

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Negotiations Progress On Seven Ore. Contracts

L. U. 659, MEDFORD, OREGON—Just a line or two to let everyone know that this person still exists, but that insofar as news goes, he is not altogether certain that Medford is still there. Here 'tis mid-March and we have another winter behind us. As I write: the daffodils are in bloom and the Alders in bud; the Formosan crisis is still a crisis, and the politicians still talk like politicians so all is right with the world! As I glance through the minutes of the local and various units, I discover that Business Manager Charlie Cray has seven agreements in the process of renegotiation simultaneously. They range from the Bureau of Reclamation at Sacramento in California, to Pacific Power and Light in Portland, Oregon. Oh, for the quiet peaceful life of a business manager in the spring!

Perhaps the most interesting development in these negotiations is the forming of the Pacific Power Council to conduct joint negotiations for Local Unions 125 and 659 with the fast-expanding utility system of Pacific Power and Light Company. This council was formed to present a united front in negotiations with P. P. & L. after the merger through which it obtained the Mountain States Power System. Thus the growth of a utility is met by the active cooperation of the several locals involved, once again reflecting the flexibility of the IBEW to meet the ever-changing pattern in this industrial country of ours.

A preliminary meeting of the representatives of L. U.'s 125 and 659 and company officials was held from February 7 through the 11th, during which many of the details were worked out concerning a common agreement and another session has been scheduled for March. Perhaps in a later issue more can be reported

on the results of this interesting development.

It is our sad duty to report the death of Brother Jim Havens, a service dispatcher for COPCO, at Grants Pass, Oregon.

L. J. WAY, P. S.

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Electronics Division Affiliates with Local

L. U. 664, NEW YORK, N. Y.—During the month of February, final steps were taken by the local to make the Electronics Division a functioning part of 664. The officers and advisory board of the new Electronics Division were invited, and attended a meeting of the local union's Executive Board. That meeting was of benefit to all concerned as the Electronics Division's officers and advisory board had a chance to observe how the "E" Board operated, to ask questions and to discuss their problems. In the meantime a very competent committee was working on a revision to the local's bylaws. That committee was composed of Joe Perry, Joe DaVolio, Ray Johnson, and Jack West. The bylaws had their second reading; and at a special meeting on 25th of February were adopted. It is pleasant to note that almost all of the amendments were adopted unanimously. Whenever there was a difference of opinion, I am sure that all parties were acting in what they thought were the best interests of the local. Now that the majority has decided, all members will join together to make the new division a success.

The Examining Board has been doing a bang-up job. The Local has been inducting on the average of 20 new members per month, but in April, there were 30 new members sworn in. When we realize that the Board has investigated each of these candidates, taken the time to carefully test each one of them, and prepared all the correspondence, we have to give them the Navy's "Well Done!"

The East Coast District Metal Trades Council will convene in Washington from the 9th to the 11th of May. This local will be ably represented by President Connie Nestler, Business Manager West and Joe Perry. Joe, incidentally, is the vice president of the Brooklyn Metal Trades Council and will be able to act as a representative of that group, if necessary. At the Third District Progress meeting, to be held in Philadelphia on May 14 and 15, our delegates will be Business Manager West and Financial Secretary Hymie Shapiro. (With Jack West going to both meetings, he should be a stranger in these parts for a week or so.) All the delegates are expected to bring back news which will be of interest to the general membership. If you miss the

reports at the meetings, look here for a summary of their reports.

The local appears to have a functioning group of shop stewards. When we realize that, along with the "E" Board, the shop steward represents the local from day to day on the job and he can straighten out small problems and bring important problems to the attention of the responsible officials, we realize that the shop stewards are the communications system which keeps the union going between meetings. Each of them deserves your cooperation and thanks, for taking on what is usually a thankless job.

N. DOCTORS, P. S.

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Local 734 Member Gets Naval Shipyard Promotion

L. U. 734, NORFOLK, VA.—It has often been said that all enjoy hearing good news and be sure it was good news when the officers and members of Local 734 learned that one of their members had been appointed Master of Electronic Shop 67, located at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia.

Brother W. T. (Billy) Bunting, a member of Local 734 for over 20 years, served his apprenticeship in the yard, after his graduation from Woodrow Wilson High School. He was intensely interested in electrical work, he was promoted to Electrician, July 1934 and in 1937 was assigned to progressman for electrical work. He was promoted to leadingman electrician, September 9, 1940 and to quarterman in December 1941. He qualified for and was promoted to chief quarterman electrician in February 1945.

Brother Bunting resigned from the Yard September 5, 1946 to enroll in Penn State College of Optometry which he attended from September 1946 to February 1947. He then returned to the yard as an electrician, was promoted to leadingman five months later and chief quarterman in February 1948. In the fall of 1948 he was promoted to foreman in charge of the Electronic Shop.

At a ceremony held in building 59, Norfolk Naval Shipyard attended by many top level supervisors, shop masters and department heads, Commander D. W. Sellers, shop superintendent, welcomed the assembly and introduced Captain R. W. Johnson, production officer, Captain Johnson said that Brother Bunting is well qualified for the post and his appointment was well earned.

Rear Admiral Logan McKee, presented the certificate of appointment to Brother Bunting, and said that under his (Brother Bunting's) direction, the shop has done a perfectly splendid job.

Since August 1, 1954 the Elec-

tronics Shop has had a separate shop entity. Its mission encompasses all work in connection with installation, repair and testing of electronic apparatus, component parts, antennae fixtures, wiring, coaxial cables, aboard vessels. It also handles the maintenance, installation and repair of similar equipment at naval shore electronic activities within the Fifth Naval District, or elsewhere as required.

I am sending a photograph of our officers and Brother Bunting so that you may see what a fine representative we have. It is a credit to belong to a local like 734, when its members are selected for the big jobs.

L. C. (SPECKS) PARKER, P. S.

Annual 'Frolic' is Great Hit With Ladies

L. U. 743, READING, PA.—On March 19th our winter get-together and "Frolic" was held at the Goodwill Fire Company hall, in Hyde Park, Pennsylvania. The gathering was composed of the members of L. U. 743 and their wives and sweethearts. This annual affair has been a great success, especially enjoyed by the ladies who for the most part see one another once a year. Several "yak-yak" sessions were observed during the course of the evening, and the girls really let their hair down at these affairs.

President Charles "Chock" Rhodes' wife, Mary, was really an eye-full in the stunning gown which she was wearing. It was too elegant for this writer to describe. Summing up the description in the shortest sentence we will say "Wow!" Her charming personality enchanted every one who was fortunate enough to be seated at her table.

We were informed that "Power Plant Pyle" is going to become papa again. Congratulations. Like we always say, "Them who has, gets." That goes for Brother Ira Derr too. This time we mean the long green "Lettuce."

Brother Dick High obliged by rendering several solos of current popular songs. His rich baritone voice was enjoyed by the entire gathering, and the applause after each song was well deserved. Voicing the sentiments of many, we advise him to cultivate his vocal gift.

Former member William Pierce and his charming wife, Julia, were also present. Bill was shaking hands with old friends like a Presidential candidate. His card is now out of Texas City, Texas.

It was an unexpected pleasure to see Brother Dick Stamm and his wife. The story is that Dick was stricken down with an attack of polio. Every-

Congratulations on Promotion



The officers of Local 734, Norfolk, Va., extend their best wishes to Brother W. T. Bunting on his promotion to Master of Electronics Shop 67 at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. From left: Corresponding Secretary L. R. Baker; Brother Bunting; Vice President V. A. Coltes; Recording Secretary J. T. Young; President C. F. Holder, and Treasurer W. D. Sheldon.

one who congratulated him on his surprisingly good and healthful appearance wished him a speedy and complete recovery. The financial gesture, which was voluntary, by members of L. U. 743 in behalf of Brother Dick Stamm, is the reward of his wonderful "comeback." Brothers, that is the type of assistance our obligation asks of us. We are proud to state the fact that L. U. 743 has made Brother Dick Stamm's tasks lighter with their generosity.

We missed our former vice president, Brother Raymond Seltzer at the past few meetings. At this writing he is on the high seas on his way to Japan. Ray is accompanied by his wife. For the benefit of his many friends and Brothers from out-of-town locals, we inform them that he is taking a supervisory position for Gilbert Associates, Inc. in the construction of a power plant in the vicinity of Tokio. It will be a three-year job. I am sure many of the Brothers from various states who worked under him at the two Titus Power House jobs in Reading, Pennsylvania will wish him lots of luck in the land of the Geisha girls and cherry blossoms.

Work in our jurisdiction is very slack and immediate relief is not in sight. Brother Frank Hittner, our business manager states that indications point to a possible break in the late summer. About 30 men are warming the chairs in the day room. Some of the Brothers are getting broken time. The business agent has the phone wires hot trying to place men in neighboring locals.

On March 23rd the I.B.E.W. lost one of its finest and best workers,

Dan Tracy, President Emeritus. As expressed in the March issue of the Electrical Workers Journal, his effort and wisdom which were given freely to the Brotherhood, marked with affection and respect will always be remembered by all the Brothers of the I.B.E.W. It was resolved at the last regular meeting of L. U. 743 and placed in the minutes, that the entire body rise and respectfully stand in silence for one minute.

May his soul rest in peace.

JOSEPH J. JARMOSKA, P. S.

Local 760 Unit Wins Safety Award

L. U. 760, KNOXVILLE, TENN.—We would like to commend our members working with City of LaFollette, Tennessee, Electric Department for the Safety Certificate of Merit recently received from the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company. This award was for operating the Electric Department for one year without a lost-time accident.

Some of our Brothers and sisters, too, might be interested in a little history of this relatively small utility.

The city purchased the system in 1939—which at that time was serving 1,485 meters—and as of 1954, it is serving 6,686 meters. This is a remarkable growth for a 15-year period. I might also mention that this city is distributor of low-cost TVA electricity.

In 1941 the total kilowatts used was only 16,963,725 hours, as compared with today's total—40,314,434 hours.

Accident-Free Year Rewarded



Winners of an outstanding safety award for a year without a lost-time accident are these members of Local 760, Knoxville, Tenn., from left: Tom Witt; Willard Evans; Elbert Skeen; Coy Hughes; Raymond Roland, State Safety Man; Harley Hatmaker; Dennis Cordell; Hobert Arnold, general foreman; Garland Eubank; Kenneth Cordell, and Dave Cordell. The U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co. made the award.



Brother Harley Hatmaker, lineman, demonstrates the technique of taking an injured man down from a pole. The "victim" is Dave Cordell.



Mr. Smith Rea, manager of the LaFollette Electric Department.

pecting to go to work, because some rumors get around that there is work here. Please check with Business Manager Nichols before heading this way. Thanks.

PARIS S. COX, P. S.

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The average home used 1,030 kwh in 1941 and today the average is 3,412 kwh. The national average is 2,471 per annum.

Average monthly residence bill is \$4.10. National average is \$5.51.

The cost per kilowatt was 2.21 cents in 1941—and now it is 1.44 cents per kilowatt. National average — 2.71 cents.

Therefore the LaFollette homes get 29 percent more electricity for 47 percent less than the national average.

This city utility is reducing rates in spite of the fact that most prices are going up.

Our members are well pleased with the operations—they don't have a per-

fect contract (who does?) but they do have good relations.

Mr. Smith Rea, manager of LaFollette Electric Department, has a lot to do with these relations. He has been with the City since the purchase of the system. Was formerly with Tennessee Electric Power Company. This man really knows electrical distribution and can talk linemen language. (Linemen always get along).

As for work in this area—we are in need of jobs. We have on the bench at this time 74 inside wiremen, 30 inside apprentices, 16 linemen, and 15 groundmen and winch truck drivers.

So—please don't come this way ex-

Omaha Area Perfects Pole Top Resuscitation

L. U. 763, OMAHA, NEBRASKA—On Sunday March 27, 1955, one of the features of the Art Baker T. V. show, "You Asked For It", was a demonstration of Pole Top Resuscitation. The film used for this skit was made on the property of the Omaha Public Power District, with members of L. U. 763, performing the demonstration.

While the technique of pole top resuscitation has been used by various electric utilities, it was actually perfected to a fine art in Omaha,

Nebraska, by members of L. U. 763. The film as shown was one of many such demonstrations these men have given. There has been so much of a demand for demonstrations that the group who perform them have made up a complete set of props for indoor performances including a mock-up pole complete with overhead primaries.

I am enclosing a picture taken during one of the demonstrations showing Brother Don McMullen administering Double Rock Arm Lift Pole Top Resuscitation to the victim Brother Robert McCracken. Brother Oscar Hacke is helping to start resuscitation after the victim has been lowered.

GUY E. MIDDLEAUGH JR., R. S.

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Local Plays Vital Role In Aluminum Production

L. U. 767, BATON ROUGE, LA.—Our local is the maintenance union for Kaiser Company, Baton Rouge.

Louisiana with its two giant Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation plants plays a vital role in the corporation's ore-to-aluminum product flow.

The facility at Baton Rouge supplies all the company's alumina, the material from which aluminum is made, and the Chalmette plant 90 miles to the south, the nation's largest aluminum reduction plant, has a capacity of 400,000,000 pounds of primary aluminum annually, which amounts to approximately half of the corporation's total output.

Kaiser Aluminum is Louisiana's second largest employer. The number of jobs provided by the corporation in the state has increased 14-fold since the company entered the aluminum industry in 1946, and the com-



Members of Local 763, Omaha, Neb., demonstrate their method of pole top resuscitation which they have developed to a marked degree of skill. They are identified in the local's letter.

bined payroll of the two Louisiana facilities is now more than \$22,000,000 per year.

The steps leading to the aluminum pig produced at Chalmette begin 1100 miles away on the island of Jamaica where bauxite, the basic raw material of aluminum, is mined on company-owned reserves. The reddish ore is shipped directly over the shortest water haul of bauxite in the world to the Baton Rouge alumina plant, which is situated on an 88-acre site on the banks of the Mississippi River.

Proximity to the mid-southern alkali industry, Louisiana's natural gas reserves and excellent water supplies are other factors favorable to the location.

The process of extracting alumina from bauxite is essentially chemical. Ore from both Jamaica and South America is crushed, added to a caustic soda (lye) solution and heated under steam pressure to dissolve the alumina.

Impurities, which do not dissolve, are separated from the alumina solu-

At Work at Kaiser Aluminum



Electricians M. H. Watkins (left) and G. R. Rupert (right) are shown checking secondary circuit breakers in the Digestion Department, at left and at right, electricians C. C. Saxton (left) and C. J. DeArmond (right) working atop a fifty foot electrical tower replacing high voltage fuses. All are members of Local 767, Baton Rouge, La.

tion by settling and filtration. The alumina is recovered by cooling and agitation to bring it out of solution as crystals of hydrated alumina.

The crystals are then washed and subjected to intense heat in long revolving kilns to remove the water. The final product, alumina (Al_2O_3), is a granular product having the appearance of refined sugar.

In addition to bauxite, a number of other raw materials are needed to produce alumina. Large quantities of water are required for filtering, washing, and cooling. To furnish it, the plant has three deep water wells, each with a capacity of 1000 gallons per minute, and four river pumps, which bring combined capacity to 32,500 gallons per minute.

Electricity, steam and air also play an essential role and the plant's six-boiler powerhouse, using natural gas as a firing agency, produces 24,000 kw of electricity, 960,000 pounds per hour of steam, and 16,500 cubic feet of air per minute.

Lime another basic material in the process is made at the plant from

clam shells. The shells are burned at 2000 degrees (F.) in 250-foot rotary kilns.

Large quantities of soda, starch, and filter cloths also are required in the process.

The initial plant facilities with an annual capacity of 500,000 tons were built by the government during World War II and leased by Kaiser Aluminum in 1946. In 1949—just three years after entering the aluminum field—the corporation purchased it with private capital. Expansion of the plant increased its capacity to the present more than 800,000 tons yearly.

In addition to alumina for reduction to aluminum, the Baton Rouge facility produces hydrated alumina, active grade alumina and specially calcined aluminas, which are supplied to chemical, refractory and abrasives industries, where they are used as basic raw materials for the production of ceramics, glass, alum, catalysts, and other products.

From Baton Rouge the alumina is transported to the corporation's three reduction plants—at Chalmette and

at Mead and Tacoma, Washington—where it is converted into aluminum.

The giant Chalmette facility with its annual capacity of 400,000,000 pounds of aluminum produces more of the metal than the entire nation produced prior to World War II.

Its immense power plant is rated at 475,000 kw of electricity, more than enough to meet the industrial and domestic needs of a city of 1,000,000 people. And its modern water plant, situated on the banks of the Mississippi River, pumps 150,000,000 gallons daily.

Metal production requires the removal of oxygen, since alumina contains an equal weight of oxygen and aluminum. This is done in electrolytic cells called pots.

At Chalmette the pots are housed in a series of sixteen 960-foot buildings 72 to a building. A potline consists of two such buildings or 144 pots lined up in a series. Each pot is a shallow 10 by 20 foot steel tank lined with carbon and is designed to produce approximately 1000 pounds of aluminum per day.

The pots are filled with molten cryolite, a salt-like substance known chemically as sodium aluminum fluoride, which dissolves alumina and also conducts the electric current. The electric current is introduced through carbon blocks immersed in the molten cryolite. Under the influence of electric energy, the oxygen combines with the carbon, leaving the metal.

The molten aluminum settles to the bottom of the pot, from which it is periodically siphoned off and cast into 1000 pound pig. Other molten aluminum is placed in large holding furnaces where alloying elements are added and is then cast into ingot ranging in size from six to fifty pounds.

A major factor in the aluminum reduction process is the availability of abundant, low-cost power. For that reason the power division at the Chalmette plant is the largest ever erected in the United States for a single industrial installation.

Power is produced in two different plants at the Chalmette facility: the Nordberg radial engine plant, fueled by natural gas with a rated output of 103,000 kw's, and a semi-outdoor steam plant, fueled by natural gas, with a capacity of 375,000 kw's. The total natural gas consumption of the combined power facilities is approximately 50,000,000,000 cubic feet annually.

Aluminum pig from Chalmette and from the corporation's other two reduction plants—at Tacoma and Mead, Washington—is shipped to various Kaiser Aluminum facilities for further processing into such mill products as sheet, plate, foil, rod, bar, wire, extrusions and forgings.

Kaiser Aluminum's present total annual capacity is more than 800,000,000 pounds of primary aluminum

Help Install Printing Press



When the rotary printing press was installed in the building of the Windsor, Ont., Daily Star, these members of Local 773 did the necessary wiring. Their names are given in their scribe's letter.

—close to 30 per cent of the nation's total output—and 600,000,000 pounds of mill products. Sales for the past fiscal year were \$226,641,000.

The more than 13,500 employees share an annual payroll totaling more than \$50,000,000. Another \$88,000,000 represents annual purchases made in various areas throughout the nation.

Mr. John L. Daniels, Public Relations Director for Kaiser, provided us with the information and pictures for this article.

In addition to the Kaiser plant, our local has contracts with the following companies: Ideal Cement, Standard Oil of Louisiana, Delta Shell Plant and Copolymer Rubber Company! Our relations with these companies are very good.

We should like to introduce our officers to our JOURNAL readers at this time. They are: Roland W. Horn, Business Manager, Charles Scott, Financial Secretary and Ben Noto, Treasurer.

NICK ANDREW MESSINA, P. S.

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Describes Jurisdiction Of Local 773, Windsor

L. U. 773, WINDSOR, ONTARIO—This month I think it would be interesting for the readers of our JOURNAL to know a little about the type of work being performed by the members of 773.

Our class of work ranges from housewiring and commercial installations up to highly complex wiring in the electronic and sequence motor control field. I feel that one of the finest examples of this class of work could be best illustrated by the installation of a rotary printing press on the premises of the *Windsor Daily Star*.

This press was manufactured by R. W. Crabtree and Sons of London and Leeds, England, and is a perfect example of old country craftsmanship. The press consists of eight units, two being color units and two folder units. It is on three levels, basement, first and second floors. Motors are of D.C. for main unit drive and A.C. for all auxiliary motors. Speed control is obtained by General Electric amplydyne and all units selected to run are synchronized by overspeed switches.

Newsprint rolls are loaded in the basement, three to each reel stand and centralized by sidelay motors. The press is controlled by two pushbutton units situated at each individual press unit and these are "circuited in" by the unit selector switches in the main control room. There are also two master controls, one in the control room and the other on the control console.

The press is equipped with "web break detectors," when the web of newsprint running through the press

breaks, detectors drop in, apply brakes and web break severs cut, print and hold it ready for rethreading. This is performed automatically by threading tapes. The press will eventually be fitted with automatic pasters which paste a new roll on to the tailend of the expired roll without interrupting run.

Each unit is equipped with a very nicely wired panel which, unfortunately came already wired from the makers, therefore we were unable to claim this work for our members. A lot of "pyrotex" cable was used on this installation. This is a copper sheathed, powdered insulation cable with the conductors held in suspension by the pressure of the powdered insulation. This cable will absorb a tremendous amount of abuse without breaking down, and in the case of a fire, the conductors and copper sheath will melt before the insulation breaks down. This cable is being used a great deal in Canada.

As in most cases of controls by two makers, in this instance, General Electric and Crabtree, we had adequate blueprints for each maker's portion of the job but nobody remembered to give the boys any details on the tie-in between the two systems, consequently it was left mainly up to the members on the job to get the press operating, which says a great deal for their ingenuity and training.

The contractor on the job was Whelpton Electric Ltd, one of our oldest and most respected contractors with whom the local has always enjoyed the most amicable relations. The job was run very efficiently by the ever popular "Russ" Simpson.

I have enclosed a photograph of the gang and their names are—Catwalk left to right: Charlie McQueen, Star Maintenance electrician, Danny O'Connell, shop steward, John Sweeney, Frank Bonham, Ted Hardy, yours truly, Allen Walsh, Phil Driscoll, and Russ Simpson, job Foreman.

Kneeling, left to right: Bill Gray and John Cohen, Crabtree and Sons, Dick Robinson, Superintendent and Corky McInnis, Foreman.

I guess a little news about the Local would not come amiss now. Things are pretty good all round, just a few members on the bench for a couple of days here and there. We are expecting great things this year with a good deal of new construction due to start. We still haven't got our new railroad station yet, recently a baggage car was shunted into it and everybody was hoping that it would be completely demolished, but no such luck. I guess we will have to stick with our "Noah's Ark" a little longer yet.

In my next letter I will try to deal with another very interesting job in our jurisdiction, the Salt Mines at Ojibway.

J. ANDREWS, P. S.

Merger Will Have Far-reaching Effects

L. U. 794, CHICAGO, ILL.—One of the most remarkable achievements in the history of labor is the united front of the C. I. O. and the A. F. of L. This merger of labor will certainly have far-reaching effects.

The united labor movement is dedicated to the well being of the people, the strengthening of democracy at home and abroad. This is an answer to the big monopolies, the "right-to-work" movements, organized by big business executives who with their cry of monopoly of labor, with their high paid, highly skilled corporation powers, lobby in Washington in an attempt to have injunctions passed to restrain labor from uniting its forces.

The slanderous attacks on our organization are made by those selfish groups who seem to think just because they run the industries that they should tell us how to organize. This is 1955, not 1890. Time marches on, and "you are there." Since when is it in violation of the Constitution as they say, to form a labor front to bargain collectively? We wish to remind them, while we do not own nor control the means of production, nevertheless we play a very important part in making their millions of dollars for them. Furthermore generals are of no use without an army. Whether they like it or not, progress is labor's most important product. Great changes are taking place in all other branches of science, therefore they will have to accept the science of labor as here to stay.

Automation comes to industry. We have been reading of late about great progress in the science of automatic machines making tremendous inroads in many establishments.

Alarming articles appearing in current magazines and the daily papers have stressed a danger signal regarding the introduction of automation into factories, with the result that hundreds of hundreds of employees, displaced by automatic machines are indiscriminantly taking their place in the ranks of the unemployed army. For example, in factories engaged in the manufacture of television and radio sets where hundreds of girls were employed in soldering wire connections, a machine has been introduced which does the work of from 20 to 30 employees, soldering a complete wiring job in seconds.

Recently Mr. Reuther, president of the CIO, made an inspection of a Ford Auto factory. It appears he was escorted through a plant by a high official of the Ford Motor Car Company. Mr. Reuther was very much interested to see those automatic machines at work. No doubt you can guess just what was in his mind.

In their course through the plant Mr. Reuther stopped to look at some of those machines at work. The official accompanying Mr. Reuther remarked, "These machines are amazing and of course you know they do not have to pay any union dues."

Mr. Reuther said looking at him, "These machines do not buy any autos either." Not only was Reuther's reply sound logic, but his reply was published in a large number of daily papers throughout the United States.

This brings up the question which to me is the answer to automation since those automatic machines are here to stay. The next order of business is the guaranteed annual wage and a shorter work week. This would compel the industry to regulate and increase production and spread the fruits of any advanced technological developments to the American people.

Technological advancement is a necessary requirement to fulfill the needs of the human race. Therefore any new method whether it is applied to the home or the factory, for that matter is received by all as progress, to lighten the burden of labor.

As we unfold the pages of history some of us can remember the long lines of unemployed which whether directly or indirectly were due to technological development in the various industries. We can agree it had a great bearing on it. On the other hand the ratio of production in this competitive system causing the markets to be flooded with goods, seems to show that most employers have disregarded the human element, since we do not hear whether they have projected any plans to keep their employees working.

One would think the highly trained brains who seem to figure things out by the slide rule, would use a little common sense, and know that they just can't go on producing commodities indiscriminately without making some provisions to stabilize employment.

The gains have been made mostly through the efforts of organized labor, both through legislative branches of our government or around the conference table with the management.

Let us analyze this a little further. Did anyone ever hear of an employer writing to the executives of labor inviting them to sit around the conference table to discuss with them a method whereby employees could be kept on the payroll? Absolutely not. On the contrary. It is labor members who have to be the aggressors, and who have to notify the management requesting a conference with them, drawing their attention to the inequities in wages to employees as compared to big dividends to the big executives.

Automation as applied to industry if it is just a matter to cheapen the

cost of labor would be a failure because the human race is here to stay and by virtue of this is going to take part in helping to steer the ship of state in the right direction, towards a better place in which to live.

W. S. McLAREN, P. S.

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State Association Meets in Jackson

L. U. 835, JACKSON, TENN.—The Tennessee State Electrical Workers Association met in Jackson, Tennessee, April 24, 1955, with Local Union 835, IBEW, as host.

We were privileged to have the Vice President of the 12th District, W. B. Petty with us. Brother Petty gave a very interesting talk on the merits of the Brotherhood.

Guest speakers were as follows: Brooks McLemore, an outstanding attorney of Jackson; R. Bruce Tomlin, representative of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, United States Department of Labor; "Smoky" Phillips, assistant commissioner, Department of Labor.

The speeches these men brought to us were very interesting and constructive. We, of 835, want to express our thanks to Mr. McLemore, Mr. Tomlin and Mr. Phillips.

We were glad to see the business managers representing the different local unions in Tennessee.

Work is still at a stand still here. Hope you fellows are working; if not, they keep telling us, "There will be plenty of work this year." Which year do they mean 1955 or 1956? As you well know, each spring we go through this phase—maybe not quite as long as this one but, a PHASE anyway. Nothing is ever as dark as it seems or, just before a storm—I grant you, apples are a little high right now, you would not realize much profit out of what you did sell. Do you remember the days? Well, I do, and I certainly don't want any part of it again.

Here's to better days in the near future. . . . Drive safely—take care.

J. W. GOODWIN, P. S.

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\$3 Hourly Wage Won by Geneva, N. Y.

L. U. 840, GENEVA, N. Y.—Well boys, we made the grade! After a struggle consisting of a night of bickering and calling in an arbitrator, we got a 20-cent-an-hour raise. This brings our hourly wage to three dollars. We wish to thank Mr. Finzer of Syracuse, the state arbitrator, for his help in the matter.

At our latest meeting, we started a committee working on plans for an annual picnic, to include the whole

family. The committee consists of Lyle Culver, Roy Hobson, Ed Bolger, Sr., Otto Perry and Bill Gelder.

We also have a committee in progress now to see if it is feasible to include maternity benefits in our welfare plan.

We had a better attendance record than usual at our latest meeting, but there is still room for improvement.

A bill has been introduced in the New York State Legislature to eliminate the two hours time off for voting in November elections.

The Geneva Experimental Station workers, who are partly under Cornell University and partly under Civil Service, have had a mix-up recently as to whom they were working for. They have affiliated with the AFL to get support.

Our "National Homes Specialist," George Johnson, has purchased a new Chevrolet. Lyle Culver is driving a new Pontiac.

Eddie Brennan, lounging leisurely in Florida at present, has come forth with a new Ford. By the way, Ed, do you know what a pedestrian is? A father that taught his children to drive.

It would be nice to see our retired members attending meetings occasionally so we could keep in touch. I'd like to know how the fish are biting, Mac? And, Nelse, how's the duck situation?

I received a very nice letter from Brother Benjamin Roeber, press secretary of Local Union 323 of Florida.

On a recent date with his gal, George Johnson approached her bravely, "Will you marry me?" To which she replied, "No, but I will always admire your taste."

The Building Trades recently sent out letters to all union men in the Geneva jurisdiction, referring to the non-union furniture store, recently built, asking members not to patronize this concern. It is hoped we will have 100 percent cooperation regarding this matter.

The new million-dollar shopping center is slowly progressing.

Work on the Geneva schools is ready to begin June 15, according to the architects. Bids are not open at the time of this writing, but the prints will be out in a couple of weeks.

The teachers of Geneva are starting a research and retention program, involving a \$1,000 scholarship for some student of Geneva to become a teacher. This movement is to promote the interest and betterment of teachers. The whole basis of human life starts in the schools, so efficient teachers are demanded if our children are to develop properly into useful citizens. Their future prosperity depends in large part on the schools and the teachers. Donations to this fund are being given both by our local and the federation.

The clerk at the hardware store is a good friend of mine, Ray. You can't get away with anything. He told me about your coming in for a pair of pliers. He tried to help by informing you, "This pair will do half your work." "In that case, I'll take two pair of them," you replied.

Welcome back to Berger Hansen, returning his card to 840. He is one of our better welders, and certainly an asset to our local.

In signing off, I'll just say "Those who love but self alone, love the meanest mortal known."

LEE R. BLAKE, P. S.

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Project in Construction For Past Five Years

L. U. 850, LUBBOCK, TEX.—A few miles northwest of Lubbock, Texas a power house is being constructed. Members of L.U. 850 and travelers have been working on this project for almost five years of continuous construction.

The first unit is a 50,000 with 60,000 maximum. The second unit is a 100,000 with 125,000 maximum. The third unit, which is almost completed has the same rating as the second unit.

Units one, two, and three can be seen in picture. The stack of the first unit is barely visible. It is located to the left of the water tower. The other two units are plainly visible with the last unit on the extreme right.

These units are sticking out of the bald, rolling land which is quite typical of west Texas and not a lake in sight or even a creek. Water has to be drilled for out here just like oil and stored in tanks and re-run through cooling towers. Although we have water problems, we are in the heart of the fishing country. 400 miles either way and a guy can go fishing.

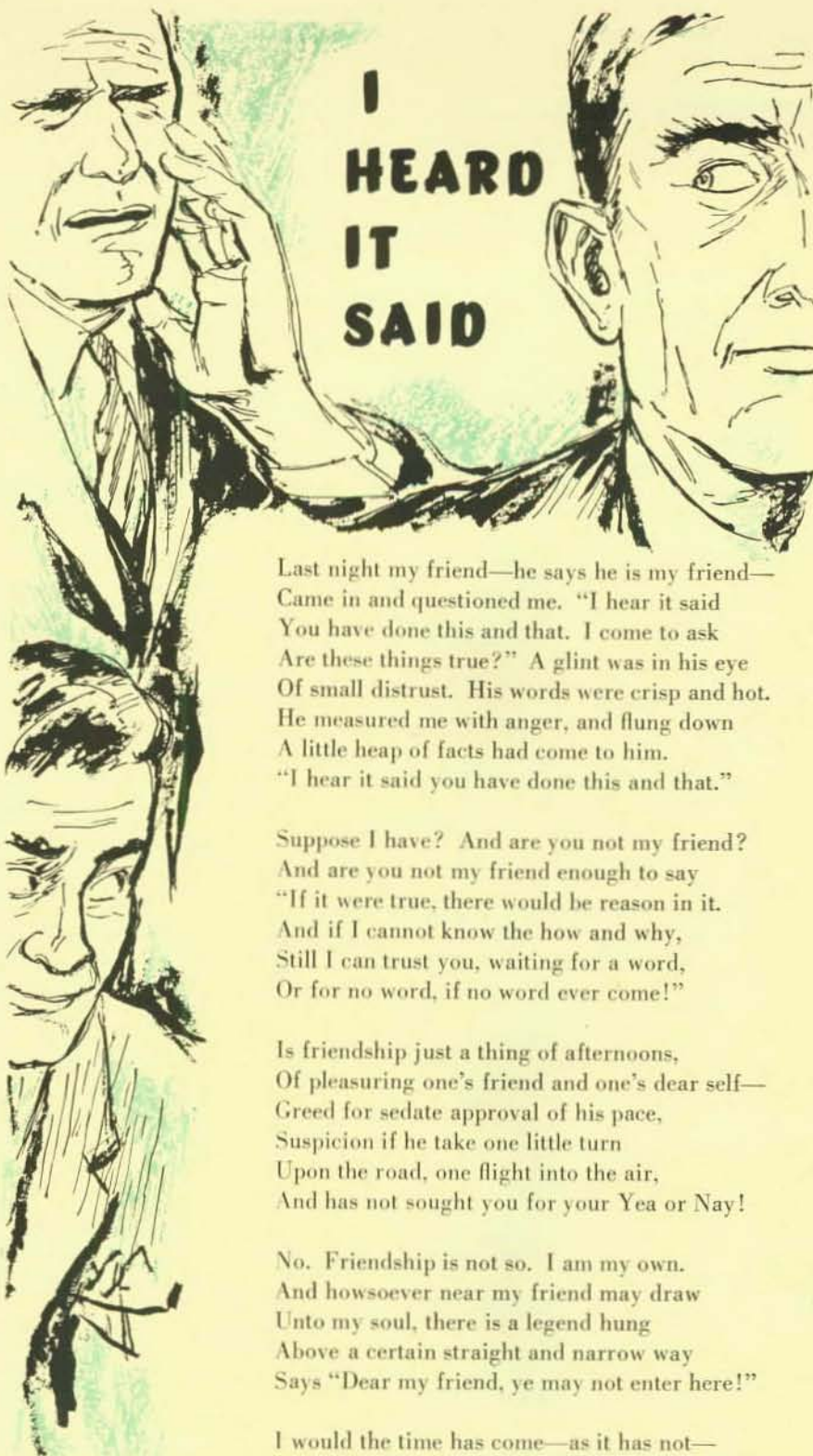
GRADY ALLEN, P. S.

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Brother Garvis Scores Perfect Cribbage Win

L. U. 880, SIOUX CITY, IOWA—Friday night, March 5, 1955, Local Union No. 880, held a Cribbage Tournament after the regular meeting at the Labor Temple. Brother Joe Garvis scored a perfect 605 points to win the single tournament and Brother Lawrence Lafferty was the runner up with a score of 575 points.

The honors in the double tournament went to Brother George Morin, and yours truly, with a perfect score of 605 points, Brother Lawrence Lafferty and his partner, Brother C. Vandenbroek, took the runner-up spot in the doubles with 572 points.



I
HEARD
IT
SAID

Last night my friend—he says he is my friend—
Came in and questioned me. "I hear it said
You have done this and that. I come to ask
Are these things true?" A glint was in his eye
Of small distrust. His words were crisp and hot.
He measured me with anger, and flung down
A little heap of facts had come to him.
"I hear it said you have done this and that."

Suppose I have? And are you not my friend?
And are you not my friend enough to say
"If it were true, there would be reason in it.
And if I cannot know the how and why,
Still I can trust you, waiting for a word,
Or for no word, if no word ever come!"

Is friendship just a thing of afternoons,
Of pleasuring one's friend and one's dear self—
Greed for sedate approval of his pace,
Suspicion if he take one little turn
Upon the road, one flight into the air,
And has not sought you for your Yea or Nay!

No. Friendship is not so. I am my own.
And howsoever near my friend may draw
Unto my soul, there is a legend hung
Above a certain straight and narrow way
Says "Dear my friend, ye may not enter here!"

I would the time has come—as it has not—
When men shall rise and say, "He is my friend.
He has done this? And what is that to me!
Think you I have a check upon his head,
Or cast a guiding rein across his neck?
I am his friend. And for that cause I walk
Not overclose beside him, leaving still
Space for his silences, and space for mine."

BARBARA YOUNG.

Members of Lubbock Local



Members and travelers of Local 850, Lubbock, Texas, working on a local power plant: First row, left to right: C. Powell, general foreman, Local 602; J. Middleton, district superintendent, Local 602; James Sharp, business agent of Local 850; Leroy Patton, bookkeeper; Jack Foster, Local 520; R. Sullivan; L. H. Lee; Roy Henard, steward; J. Shisler; Bill Blount; J. H. Duggin, Local 520; F. C. Cooke, Local 278; J. H. Abbot, Local 602, and W. C. (Pug) Studivant. Second row: Paul Bragg; D. W. Dillard; George Sumt; L. S. Forbes, Local 643; H. B. Bishop; J. D. Pruitt; J. W. Daughtry, Local 602; W. Isobes, Local 520; J. H. Kitchens; Fred Pope; R. A. Tatum, and J. W. Ellis. Third row: C. G. Muk; J. O. Beber, Local 602; Roy Oatman, Local 520; R. S. Silvey, Local 520, and J. T. Wilson, Local 602.

This was the first of a series of annual tournaments to be held by our local union.

The members of Local Union No. 880, by a majority vote decided to start our meetings at 7:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. and after each meeting we shall hold a social hour. Each month's social hour shall feature something different and in so doing we hope to touch on something that will be of particular interest to each member. In this manner we hope to increase the attendance of our regular meetings.

Next month at our April meeting we will feature a program put on by members of our "Mr. Chairman Club."

The "Mr. Chairman Club" is composed of members of our local union. We meet for two hours on the first and third Mondays of each month. The purpose of the club is to train its members to accept responsibilities, to think and to speak fluently, so that they will be more capable of expressing themselves when they have the opportunity or are called on to do so. So far we have approximately twelve active members. We are in hopes of increasing this number to 28 or more, so any Brothers interested, please contact your steward or officers.

I am sure that the present club members feel that their time has been well spent and that their rewards are many.

Brother O. B. Bartram, who had been on the sick list for some time, retired as of February 1, 1955. He had a service record with the company of more than 37 years and this is a long time to give one's best

efforts for his company. Those of us still privileged to carry on for the company, salute him and wish him many more enjoyable years with his family.

Brother Bernard Oien is confined to his home with a heart condition. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

Brother Lewis Kula is confined in the Methodist Hospital recovering from a serious hip operation.

Brother Holger Jensen is confined in the Saint Joseph Hospital recovering from some serious injuries, which he received in an automobile accident.

We all wish each one a complete and speedy recovery.

Brother Darrell Coffman who suffered severe burns some months ago, and Brother F. E. Boblit who suffered a fractured leg some time ago, both have recovered and are back to work in the Sub Station Department.

Our System Council, which is composed of three members each of Local Unions 880, 944 and 1302, held a meeting in Fort Dodge, Iowa, March 12, 1955. Our International Representative Brother H. F. Kuklish also attended this meeting. All council issues and business was discussed and considered with proper dispensation being made of all business. The council gave much consideration to our future contract negotiations.

Brother A. G. Mancuso, who was one of our stewards also a council member, left the employment of the company, as of February 25, 1955. He will try his hand at the insurance business. Here is wishing him the best of luck and I hope he will become as good an insurance sales-

man as he was a local union member.

In closing I inject the following brief phrase, by Henry L. Doherty: "My idea of the real aristocrat, is the master workman, no matter what his line of work may be."

DAVID WALLISCH, B. M.

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First Report from Construction Local

L. U. 894, OSHAWA, ONT.—I believe this will be the first time that an entry has been made in the ELECTRICAL WORKERS JOURNAL by our Local 894 at Oshawa. However, I do hope it is not the last.

Our local in Oshawa is primarily a construction local. What I mean, it was started as a construction local with just enough members for a charter. We now cover the public utilities in Oshawa—approximately 100 members. We have the public utilities in Bowmanville—eight members, about 40 members of Pye Radio in Ajax Ontario, a manufacturing company of radio and television equipment and of course the construction electricians which number about 150 at the present time.

I have enclosed a photo of the large new General Motors Plant at Oshawa, which covers about 47 acres under roof. Eastern Electric Company of Oshawa had the electrical contract and the Electricians were supplied by Local 894 and were under its supervision. The same electrical company with L.U. 894 and its members is well under way with a new plant for the Dunlop Rubber Com-

pany at Whitley. I'll try and get a picture later.

We at Oshawa, Local 894, have for the most part had only a parttime business manager. But in the last few months we have suddenly realized that we cannot run our union properly on a parttime basis. So now, and for the past few months Brother Bob Hornigold has been our business manager and is doing a good job too.

We should, all of us, give him our whole-hearted support.

In 1952 Local 894 loaned the International Office \$500.00 and in 1953 (we were happy to have it to loan) another \$2000.00 for the Pension Fund. It doesn't look as if we will have any this year to loan. But if we do have it, I'm sure it will be forthcoming. A new wing is being built to the Oshawa General Hospital and Local 894 voted a donation of \$400.00 as its share to a just and worthy cause.

This is my first attempt at writing a few lines and bits of information for someone else to read. I hope it hasn't bored you.

GEORGE GOHEEN, P. S.

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Local 903 Sponsors Young Girl Athlete

L. U. 903, GULFPORT, MISS.—
I.B.E.W. Local Union 903, Gulfport,

Mississippi was the proud sponsor of Garnett Lenaz, daughter of Brother Harold Lenaz, of Local Union 903 to the A.A.U. meet held in St. Petersburg, Florida on March 12th.

Miss Lenaz was entered in the senior division in trampoline competition in which she took second place in the finals, after being nosed out by Jo Ann Smith of Florida State University by one point for the championship.

Garnett is 16 years of age and a sophomore at Gulfport High School and a student of Jacqueline Hines School of Dancing.

Members of Local Union 903 who are employed by O'Neal Electric of Gulfport did a mighty fine job of installing all of the electrical equipment in the new Harrison County Jail, picture of which we are enclosing.

The City Service Oil Company now has one of the most modern service stations on the Coast under construction on West Beach Gulfport on Highway 90.

They are to be commended for having used 100 percent union labor in its construction.

We are sending a picture of a little picket line duty by the employees of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company who are now on strike and doing all they possibly can to uphold organized labor.

It is the opinion of all the members of Local Union 903 I.B.E.W. that all crafts of organized labor should join

union help in any way possible in order that the C.W.A. might win their strike because the outcome of their strike will have lots of bearing on future working agreements for all people of organized labor.

The best way to co-operate is not cross the picket lines to go and pay phone bills, and refuse to pay for services that we're not getting while they are on strike.

Officers and members of Local Union 903 I.B.E.W. Gulfport, Mississippi were grief stricken when the word came that their beloved Brother Donnie Bond had died suddenly Wednesday March 23rd at 9:30 p.m.

Brother Bond was taken to the hospital in Pensacola, Mississippi because of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Donnie had many friends in the various States in which he worked, one of the most recent jobs being in Wenatchee, Washington.

Besides being a good electrician he was a great sportsman, spending much of his spare time fishing and hunting.

Brother Bond was a good Christian, and we all feel as if the time had come when the good God above has taken him to a better place, where his soul shall rest in peace forever. With a silent prayer and heads bowed our charter of Local Union 903 will be draped for 30 days in his memory. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his beloved widow Mrs. Etta Mae Falgo Bond.

New General Motors Plant



This is a photograph of the New General Motors plant at Oshawa, Ont., which has more than 47 acres under roof. Recent additions have been added which are not in this photograph, making a new total of 49½ acres under roof. Local 894 of Oshawa covered this job wholly; in fact they still have not completed the new office. No. 1. New Parts Warehouse; No. 2. Chassis Assembly plant; No. 3. Body Assembly and paint shop; No. 4. Powerhouse.

Scenes from Gulfport Local



Local 903, Gulfport, Miss., sent us this interesting selection of photos. Above, from left: Members of CWA-CIO Local 3508 on the picket line against the Southern Bell Telephone Co. They are Local President Billie Brown, Catherine Gangloff and Gertrude Kane. Workers on the site of the modern new City Service Oil Co. station. Brothers L. C. Lenaz and Cliff Lyons, employed by the Messer Electric Company, and Brothers Nick Page and C. B. Miller. The fifth man is E. D. Francis of Local 59, Dallas, Tex. Another strike scene shows non-operating railroad workers on the picket line against the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and its affiliates. They are Charles Giametta, J. S. Harvill and Dominic Sonier.



Beloved Local 903 Brother Donnie Bond passed away recently, but such scenes as the one at left will help keep his memory fresh. At right: Brothers J. O. Bilbo and Herman Sellier inspect the sunroof where the prisoners of the new Harrison County Jail will take their exercise.



Our Business Manager J. O. Bilbo has asked me to make the following announcement in this column.

Local Union 903 Gulfport, Mississippi regrets at the present time we cannot place any out-of-town electricians.

It will be at least 60 to 90 days before any electricians can be used on our new power plant job.

There have been numerous long distance calls from all parts of the country by electricians asking about this project.

As a friend and brother to all members of the I.B.E.W., Brother Bilbo would like to state that they should save their money by not making any long distance calls concerning this job for at least 60 days.

HAROLD W. LENAZ, P. S.

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Completion Ceremonies For Tenn. Apprentices

L. U. 934, KINGSPORT, TENN.—The accompanying picture shows the

guests and apprentices who attended the banquet and completion exercises of the Tri-Cities Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Committee, which was a gala occasion, held in the Walnut Room of Skoby's Restaurant, Saturday evening, March 5, 1955.

Dignitaries attending were, Mr. Bill Damon, Director of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry, Washington, D.C., Mr. Frank A. Van Eynde, district supervisor of Trades and Industrial Education for the State of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Mr. Earl Lingar, field representative for the Bureau of Apprenticeship for the United States Department of Labor, Kingsport, Tennessee. The Rev. John Jarvis from Loudon, Tennessee was master of ceremonies.

Those receiving Certificates of Completion were, Brothers Carl W. Boyd, Frank L. Cole, William D. Cole, Clayton J. Douglas, Romel T. Emmeren, Arvey Foster, Jr., Joseph O. Gamble, Billie R. Miller, William M. Scott, Jr. and Wallace B. Timbs.

Apprentices present and in training were, Brothers John D. Cochran, Bill G. Combs, Dannie B. Green, John D. Grills, Duard N. Hackler, Delmar K. Harris, Glenn T. Hutsell, Jack L. Quillen, Tommie W. Russell, James F. Smith, Arlie K. Webb and Charles Fleming.

Members of the JAC present included Brothers Bill Gillespie, Claude D. Bullis, Joe G. Shelton and Ralph W. Wallin.

Other guests present were, Mr. Paul J. Moore, director of Vocational Education, Kingsport City Schools, and officers of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 934, Kingsport, Tennessee, Brothers John Cole, president, Clifford D. Williams, vice president, Paul W. Hicks, business agent, William H. Farar, assistant business agent, F. S. Russell, treasurer, Ralph W. Wallin, recording secretary, Clyde D. Phillips, Roy W. Doran, Floyd Childress, Norman D. Jarrett and Watson Helvey.

After the guests and apprentices had registered and received boutonnières and name cards, the Reverend Brother Jarvis called for the gathering's attention and proceeded with an invocation. Upon being seated and while preparations were under way to serve the banquet supper, the master of ceremonies introduced everyone in attendance. Upon completing introductions and welcoming remarks by the M.C. we were served a delicious supper. As the last few bites of steak and other goodies were consumed, we were shown a film "Apprentice Training" depicting the normal course a young man must follow in order to be rewarded with a "Certificate of Apprenticeship Completion" which should qualify him as a "journeyman of his trade." The film also had its lighter moments by describing not only the pit-falls, but also its real pay-off advantages for both management and labor.

An address by Mr. Damon high-

lighted the evening. He spoke words of wisdom and congratulation to the young men completing their apprenticeship training. He remarked on the wonderful progress being made by the electrical industry in training qualified craftsmen with the aid of the NECA and IBEW in the form of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry. He commended the Tri-Cities J.A.C. on the splendid work they are doing.

Mr. Earl Lingar, followed Mr. Damon with a most brilliant and witty talk, stating that our apprenticeship program is second to none in this area and possibly the nation.

Mr. Frank A. Van Eynde said the State Department of Trades and Industrial Education is always eager and ready to assist such a program to educate not only apprentices but also journeymen as well.

Brothers Paul W. Hicks, business agent and Bill Gillespie, contractor, each spoke complimentary words of advice and encouragement to continue the good work of administering such a fine program. They also congratulated the graduating apprentices.

The graduating apprentices received their NECA-IBEW Certificates from Mr. Bill Damon, while Mr. Earl Lingar presented their United States Department of Labor Certificates.

"Topping out Remarks" were strictly "Gratitude and Thanks" from the graduates.

Congratulations and concluding remarks were made by the M.C. accompanied by a hearty round of applause for the graduating apprentices.

RALPH W. WALLIN, P. S.

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Delegates to R. I. Federation of Labor

L. U. 1029, WOONSOCKET, R. I.—Spring is just around the corner.

Council Post



Robert McGregor of Local 1049, Long Island, N. Y., elected president of the AFL Central Trades and Labor Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties discusses their new charter with Vice President Charles E. Sealy of Plumbers' Local 457.

Here it is March 1955, the sun shining warm and bright, the air feels nice and fresh, with a good possibility of it staying this way for quite some time.

President Kenneth Walsh and yours truly were delegates to the semi-annual convention of the Rhode Island Federation of Labor A.F.L., held March 12 and 13, 1955 at the Biltmore-Sheraton in Providence, Rhode Island. It was my pleasure to hear our International Secretary Brother Keenan give a dramatic speech at the convention on Sunday. His speech was on the "Right-to-Work Laws" that are being sponsored all over the country by big business. He also urged union members to participate in and donate to Labors League for Political Education.

Our Executive Board consisting of President Kenny Walsh, Business

Agent Michael Dolinski, Corresponding Secretary Dan Forestal, Executive Board Secretary Lucien Hubert, Robert Dunne, Oliver L'Heureux and myself, had another meeting with our contractors concerning our contract.

So far no progress. Our next meeting may be more favorable.

Conditions hereabouts are just fair. Woonsocket is still 20 or so years behind in ideas, but slowly and surely, modern times are catching up to a few of the men in business, who have to expand or build. So far it's a very slow process, with very little new construction.

As a delegate member of Labor's League for Political Action Committee, of the Woonsocket Central Labor Union, A.F.L., I urge all members of Local 1029 to donate their dollar to this organization. Your donations to Labor's League for Political Education, will help this organization continue its fight to elect candidates favorable to the labor movement.

EDWARD WYSPIANSKI, P. S.

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New Officers for Wiremold Company

L. U. 1040, HARTFORD, CONN.—I am sending you herewith some information concerning our employers, the Wiremold Company, for the "Local Lines" section of the JOURNAL.

Following a meeting of the Board of Directors held recently D. Hayes Murphy, founder of the Wiremold Company, Hartford 10, Connecticut, announced the election of John Davis Murphy as president and Robert Henry Murphy as executive vice president.

The new president has been with the Wiremold Company since his graduation from Dartmouth in 1934, working in every factory and office

Kingsport Completion Exercises



Guests and members of Local 934, Kingsport, Tenn., who attended the recent completion ceremonies for the area apprentices, graduating to journeyman's rank.

department. He was elected vice president in 1941, a member of the Board of Directors in 1947, and executive vice president in 1952.

Robert H. Murphy, the new executive vice president, has been with the company since his graduation from Dartmouth in 1936, starting as a clerk in the factory office, then as a machine operator, and then a draftsman. He was elected assistant treasurer in 1941, has served as factory manager since that time, was elected to the Board of Directors in 1947, and in 1952 was elected vice president.

Both new chief executives made an early start with the company by working during school vacations at many jobs throughout the plant. Over the years they have played a major part in formulating the policies and objectives of the company and will continue to be guided by the principles that have become traditional with Wiremold since its founding 55 years ago.

D. Hayes Murphy will serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

That's about all the news we have now but I'll be checking with you again soon with the latest from Local 1040.

JOSEPH J. BACHMAN, B. M.

Sixth Ball of Stamford Local 1069

L. U. 1069, STAMFORD, CONN.—Yep, we did it again! This time we really did it. Watta ball! That's right, it was a ball—our Sixth in fact and we're really proud of ourselves. You see, Local 1069 doesn't have its own home. Like a lot of others, we rent, and this annual affair is one way we augment our building fund. A very pleasant way, indeed.

Being a February dance, the accent was topical, and the room was decorated by a tremendous bunch (?) yeah—bunch of balloons suspended from center. (Give or take a couple of inches.) More of these later.

Our music was supplied by Tony Dee and his trumpet and orchestra. Brass, hot and sweet; meltingly mellow. Go man go!

And entertainment? You bet. Our local dance impressario, Mr. Phil Jones brought a group of dancers and gave us a very pleasant half hour review. Miss Edith Duall, a talented comedienne, had us rocking and rolling with her slam-bam-dash routine, but believe me there wasn't nuthin'—and I do mean nuthin'—routine about it. Afterward, Miss Duall, an acro-

batic dancer jangled and gyrated through an imaginary obstacle course to the neatest rhythms that ever did assail these here ears.

Our master of ceremonies for the dance was Chick Fowler, a naturally, likable, loquacious guy—and may I add, a member in good standing!

After the entertainment, a spot dance took place and was won by our past Recording Secretary Al Gargulio and his wife.

Remember those balloons on the ceiling, well just about now they cascaded to the dance floor and the next five minutes looked like the Zulu Fertility rites only noisier. You see each balloon held a prize for its captor. After things subsided to a dull roar, dancing resumed.

Now we don't like to brag, but we do have in our group a number of talented members. Two of the gang did some vocals for us. "Liz" Samela warbled and trilled a couple of choruses—sez (what the heck is plural of chorus?). "Vinnie" Ferrara, Local 1069's answer to Ezio Pinza gave us something to remember in his songs. His rich bass voice added a lot.

The frolic went on till one a. m. after which we all left another annual ball but took with us a nice warm feeling of well being and contentment.

So now the ball was over. Everyone had a swell time, but those who had the most pleasure in its success were the committee men who worked so hard for it. Here they are: James Otis, chairman; Entertainment Committee: Nicholas Fusaro and Rod Bartlett; Arrangement Committee: Winslow Darling, Joseph Pataky, Kenneth Burton and Anthony Lovullo; Floor Committee: Vincent Ferrara, Anthony Poltrack, Wilbur Gill, Anthony Zezima, Henry Puleo and Richard Cahill; Program Committee: Edmund Kohn, Chairman, and Anthony Zezima, Treasurer.

WILLIAM KARUKAS, P. S.

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Ambridge Bowlers



These bowlers represented Local 1073, Ambridge, Pa., in the area bowling tournament and took second place. Above left: Inspectors Booster A, kneeling: Bob Kopp and Jan Colades. Back row: Al Pfeiffer; Walter Trojan; Eddie Sparcie; Leon Johnston. Right: Rubber Mill Booster A, Chester Kamzelski; Chip Kroll; Pete Millute; Andy Maydak, Jr., and Andy Sapovchak. Below, left: Men's Regular, left to right: Harry Lazar; Walter Kowalski; Leo Smith; Joe Weston; Andy Herneky, Jr. Right: Testers Booster A, kneeling: Gus Dimarizo and Harry Stawski. Back row: George Kuchjac; Bill Guist; Kenny Maynard, and Martin Habich.



Softballers Nosed Out for Championship

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—The Rubber Mill Softball Team of 1954 were runners-up to the champs. The Rubber Mill Team was nosed out the last part of the season by the Shippers Softball Team. This year the Rubber Mill is expecting to hold first place. And this season it is out to give any softball team a hard time. The union members are wishing good luck to all the teams, and may they have fun and an enjoyable season. We'll be looking for the champs.

Lawrence Puckett, Nepeoduct Department, will fix that sweeper of yours in A-1 condition regardless of make. Brother Puckett at one time used to work for the Hoover Sweeper Company as a repairman. Right now

Help Rebuild Home for Member



Members of Local 1194, Sandusky, O., and friends of Brother William Dempsey joined forces to build he and his family a new home after his burned to the ground. These scenes show one of the earliest stages and final product. The Dempseys lost everything in a fire last spring.

he does this work part time, and guarantees his work.

Steve Altounian, Executive Board member, won the door prize at the last meeting. Oh, yes, Brother Altounian and Mike Skordinsky from the Lead Press are far from being enemies; they are the best of friends.

John Cook, Depanning Department, says it was a happy day when he met Gladys Riley also from the same department, who later became his wife. They now are blessed with their first child, John Cook, Jr.

This I.B.E.W. local, 1073, effective May 1, has moved from the Prince Theater Building to its new office at 1499 Merchant Street, in the Albert's Barber Shop building.

John Deyber, our local union president, was a delegate from the Central Labor Council of Beaver County to the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor which held its convention at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to Ethel Jordon from the Carpenter Shop office, who was married to Boyd Miller, employe at American Bridge Works.

James Venneri, carpenter, lost his \$50.00 bet when he claimed he was averaging 19 miles per gallon on his 1955 Buick. After a checkup he made a little better than 11 miles.

John Marmack, Shipping Department, not only had a beautiful house built, but he also bought himself a pretty bulldog which he claims is a special color and man's best friend.

Nick Kalabokus, our former local union president, is still an active union member. Our local union president, John Deyber, and the Executive Board wish to see all of our former candidates who were running for some job, win or lose, to still be active union members. And all union members can help if they encourage their friends to buy National Electric Union made products, for that old house or new.

We are also enclosing four pictures of 24 bowlers who were selected out

of 72 to represent the National Electric Bowling League at the Tenth American Rubberband Duckpin Bowling Congress Championship Tournament, Village Lanes, Pittsburgh. Our teams did not win any prizes, but they did make a good showing and gave the other teams a hard time. Congratulations to all those who were selected to represent the National Electric Bowling League.

George Gallagher, Stranding Department steward, Vanport Cooperative Housing Project has been elected vice president. For those living at the Vanport homes and for more information on how to purchase your unit, see Brother Gallagher.

Walter Kowalski, Test Department, was foreman for one day, while his foreman, Clark Buchanan and Ernie Budris went to the Westinghouse plant at Pittsburgh to see some special tests on special cable. This gave Brother Budris a chance to see some special tests on wire.

Cliff Caldwell, motor oil man, still carries that oil can same as usual, only Saturdays are missing. The oil can has a rest on that day now.

Joe Pointek, electrician, is already mapping out his vacation trip out in no man's land in the forest of Canada.

Biff Rowan, carpenter, is swinging that hammer again after being laid up at the Sewickley Valley hospital.

Francis Kroker, local boy, makes good at the National Electric Torrance, California plant. Brother Kroker who has been an electrician here over 20 years is now assistant superintendent there. Congratulations!

Vacation time. Let's hear about it and give you a little writeup.

JOHN GOZUR, P. S.

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Merger of Ohio Locals 267 and 1194

L. U. 1194, SANDUSKY, OHIO — President Gilbert Steinen introduced

Mr. C. H. Blankenship, International Representative, who was in Sandusky, Ohio to obtain the charter and union seal of Local 267 of Port Clinton.

One order of business during the monthly meeting was the merger of Port Clinton and Sandusky locals. Local 1194 now consists of Sandusky, Bellevue and Port Clinton which make up the Bay Division of the Ohio Edison Company.

Gilbert Steinen was elected as permanent negotiator for Local 1194, Richard Marshall as press secretary and Harold Meyers as auditing chairman.

Last Spring William Dempsey left his home with his family to go shopping in Sandusky. When they returned to their home on Fox Road, about eight miles from Sandusky, they found it burned to the ground.

Members of Local 1194 and other friends of the Dempseys began a building campaign. All necessary material was donated and collected and delivered to the then empty lot.

After the excavation and the laying of the block was completed the men of the Sandusky local started a hammer and saw mission. Working weekends they had the frame up and the roof on in two months. Within four months the Dempseys were living in their new home.

Enclosed pictures show the progress of those who were "friends indeed."

RICHARD H. MARSHALL, P. S.

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Wilmington Local 1238 Loses Two Elder Members

L. U. 1238, WILMINGTON, DEL.— Local 1238 has the unfortunate task of relating the passing of two of its elder Brothers.

On February 6, 1955 Brother Erhard M. Rickenbach passed away after an illness of over a month. "Rickey" was 54 years old and a member of the I.B.E.W. for the past

Attend Union Education Program



A series of courses of interest to staff representatives of Local 1245, San Francisco, Calif., proved a great success. At left is International Representative Otto Rieman, speaking on "History of the I.B.E.W." Seated, left to right: Local 1245 Business Manager Ron Weakley; Business Representatives Scott Wadsworth; Gerry Moran, and Paul "Cy" Yochem. At right, L. to R.: Local 1245 Business Representative Al Hansen; International Representative C. P. Hughes; Assistant Business Manager Mert Walters; Business Manager Ron Weakley; 9th District International Vice President O. G. Harbak (speaking on Local Union-International Office Relationships), Assistant Business Manager L. L. Mitchell, and Business Representative Lee Andrews.



At conclusion of session: at left, L. to R.: Assistant Business Manager Mert Walters; Business Manager Ron Weakley; Vice President Harbak; Assistant Business Manager L. L. Mitchell; International Representative C. P. Hughes, and International Representative Otto Rieman. International Representative C. P. Hughes conducting "Effective Speech" class, at right. Included in his class are Assistant Business Manager L. L. Mitchell and Business Representative Scott Wadsworth, Gerry Moran, "Cy" Yochem, Lee Andrews, Howard Sevey, Fred Lucas, Al Kaznowski, John Lappin, Del Petty, Elmer Bushby, Roy Murray, Al Hansen and Gene Hastings. Research and Educational Director George Rice was behind the camera. Partly obscured in the background is Mrs. Helen Mitchell.

eight years. He was a fellow department worker and his loss was a sincere shock to all of us.

On January 26, 1955 Charles E. McConnell passed away suddenly of a heart attack while shoveling snow from the sidewalks around his home in Richardson Park. Mr. McConnell was 66 years of age and had 47 years with the Gas Service Department. "Charlie" had just retired a few weeks earlier and had been feted at a dinner in his honor arranged by the members of his department. It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Mr. McConnell as he will be long remembered by all of us.

Congratulations are in order for Dan Logan of the Operating Department who has just recently completed his 45th year of service. Dan has been a member of Local 1238 ever since it was organized here in Wilmington, and has been one of the key operators at the Brandywine Substation for many years. We take this opportunity to wish Dan many more years of continued health and success.

Last week our bowling season came to an end for another year with "Line No. 2" winning the final roll-off against the team from Gas Distribution. The "Line No. 2" team consisting of Frank Doran, Giles White, George Baker, Bill Clark and Smitty are to be congratulated on their becoming the new champs. The Gas Distribution team consisting of Joe Pryzwar, Henry Baker, Paris Peet, Henry Verrucci, and Eddie Miller must have just run out of gas.

We have compiled an Honor Roll of Brothers who have completed five or more years in their respective departments, and have received their pins. Here's wishing them all many more years of healthy success.

Paul Adams, 10 years, Line Department; John Blansfield, 30 years, Line Department; George Brittingham, 5 years, Meter Reading; Robert Cantler, 5 years, Meter Reading; Joseph Campbell, 15 years, Cable Department; Oscar Champlin, 25 years, Substation; Dorothy Cheyne, 5 years, Engineering; Louigi Ciaffi, 25 years,

Gas Distribution; Charles Denman, Jr., 5 years, Service Department; Francis J. DiMarzio, 5 years, Cable Department; John Dudek, 15 years, Building Maintenance; Cecil Ellis, 10 years, Gas Plant; George Halderman, 5 years, Engineering; Ann Hanby, 10 years, Service Department; Dan Logan, 45 years Substation; Edward Matarese 15 years, Meter Department; Carmen Patore, 5 years, Gas Distribution; Adelbert Peel, 15 years, Cable Department; Charles Perrot, 10 years, Meter Reading; Harold Pfirman, 35 years, Service Department; John Poncia, 10 years, Substations Victor Roberts, 10 years, Substations; James Satterfield, Sr., 25 years, Transmission; Harold Valerie, 10 years, Line Department; Sherman White, 5 years, Engineering.

Alexander Castona, of the Gas Distribution Department, retired on March 1, 1955. Prior to a recent physical handicap he could perform the pick and shovel routine and keep pace with fellow workers many years younger. His vitality and strength

were truly amazing. Many good wishes to Alex from all the Brothers.

President Freebery and several delegates have plans to attend the Progress meetings in Philadelphia sometime in May so make it a point to attend the next regular meeting to hear all the reports.

EDWARD B. RODICHOK, R. S.

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Local Holds Union Educational Program

L. U. 1245, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—The trade union goal of affording opportunity for individual development to each and every member of Local 1245, I.B.E.W. AFL, is an important step closer this month. This local union, one of the largest utility locals in the Brotherhood, has just completed a week-long intensive union educational program for all staff representatives. Several members of our Executive Board, as well as wives of staffers, were also in attendance.

To begin our story, we must tell you of the unusual nature of our local union. Representing Gas, Electric, Water, Steam, Hydro, Construction and Clerical employes of publicly and privately owned public utilities in most of California and Northern Nevada, the jurisdiction of Local 1245 extends over a territory larger than the combined New England States. Our members conduct meetings on a unit system in nearly 100 cities and communities each month. Nearly 1,000 shop stewards carry on the union's work in every city and hamlet in the jurisdiction. The coordinating link for this vast system is a hard-working staff of 17 business representatives, with Business Manager Ronald T. Weakley at the helm, who operate from a central headquarters in Oakland. As you have already guessed, our problems of service and communication are enormous.

We have been developing educational and shop steward training programs from the time of our amalgamation in December 1951. The real goal of our program, of course, is to extend trade union training to every member who desires to participate. A necessary first step in this program is the training of staff representatives to qualify them to conduct programs in every part of our geographical jurisdiction.

The Staff Training Program got under way on Sunday, March 27th at 8:00 a.m. when Business Manager Weakley outlined the subject matter to be covered as well as the aims and purposes of the program.

Each of the succeeding six days was devoted to classroom activities, commencing at 8:00 a. m. and running to 5:00 p. m. Evening sessions were also scheduled to present films and discussion groups. There were 48

hours devoted to classroom periods plus assignments outside of class.

Five two-hour sessions on Labor History were conducted by Assistant Business Manager L. L. Mitchell. "Mitch" also conducted two two-hour sessions on Labor Legislation and the Taft-Hartley Act.

Local 1245's Research and Education Director George L. Rice conducted two two-hour sessions on Collective Bargaining, as well as two sessions on Effective Meeting Conduct.

Ninth District International Vice-President Oscar Harbak spent part of a day with the class and spoke about the relationship of the local union to the International Office.

International Representatives C. P. "Chuck" Hughes and Otto Rieman were pressed into service as teachers. Hughes conducted three outstanding classes on Effective Public Speaking, while Rieman spoke on the History of the I.B.E.W.

Business Representative Elmer Bushby, chairman of the Union System Review Committee, our final joint grievance step, led three sessions devoted to the subject of Contract Enforcement.

Assistant Business Manager Mert A. Walters led a class on the Office Procedures required in our operations, assisted by Office Manager Howard Sevey and Office Assistant Martha Kerr. Walters also headed up the sessions devoted to Union Organizing Techniques and Organizing Leadership.

Business Manager Ron Weakley climaxed the week-long program with a highly interesting session devoted to Human Relations as related to Union Organizing. The final sessions on Friday, April 1st, were devoted to a general summary and a discussion of the union's policy as related to continuing the educational programs in the field.

The entire program was developed under the direction of Local Union Business Manager Ron Weakley, who is a firm believer in a constantly improving series of educational seminars. Assisting him were L. L. Mitchell, assistant business manager and a graduate of the Harvard University Trade Union Program; George L. Rice, research and education director, who has worked with the Labor Management School at the University of San Francisco and the Institute of Industrial Relations at the University of California. Cooperating in the planning and organization of the material were Assistant Business Manager Mert Walters, Business Representative Elmer Bushby and other members of the office and staff. International Representative Hughes, who attended the first educational class for International Representatives sponsored by the International Office in Washington, was most helpful in giving of his time, energy and knowledge.

An interesting feature of the program was the development of a Representative's Handbook, which contains, in outline form, all of the subject material presented in the sessions. The handbook, together with extensive notes taken by each "student", will provide a most useful tool for the extension of the educational benefits to members in all parts of our jurisdiction.

A significant feature of the program was the attendance of a number of wives of staff members. Mrs. L. L. Mitchell attended every session, and Mrs. Lee Andrews, Mrs. Howard Sevey, Mrs. Gerald Moran, Mrs. John Lappin and Mrs. George L. Rice attended a number of classes. All were keenly interested in the program, and advised that they now have a much better understanding of the work and problems their husbands face as Union Representatives.

Our Executive Board lent a great deal of moral support to the aims of the program. The entire board membership attended one day of the sessions and expressed the desire to see this type of training extended on a broad basis. Recording Secretary Grace Baker and Vice-President Frank Dillon were also present at a number of additional sessions.

In order to carry out the prescribed "Objects" of the I.B.E.W., we firmly believe that it is the responsibility of every local union officer to establish an educational program in his or her local union. This may be the saving of our unions when faced with economic and political assaults, and it will certainly contribute to the progress of our great Brotherhood.

GEORGE L. RICE, P. S.

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Welcome for Returning Local 1253 President

L. U. 1253, AUGUSTA, ME. — We write this from the heart of Maine, not exactly a new county heard from, but simply that we've been on the rapid march and finally have caught up with our correspondence. This local has had a charter for a long time but for no reason whatsoever we haven't had a column for some time. Being appointed to the office of Press Secretary I shall try to keep up with the progress that's in the making and inform all our boys through this wonderful outlet the JOURNAL.

I hope you boys in our local write in and give us your whereabouts and let us know about yourselves. I have not seen some of you boys for a long time. So fellows let's hear from you we like to keep our big family happy and informed, I say happy because we are all working for a better way of life and anyone in the Brotherhood knows what that means.

Initiation in Washington



Government Employees' Representative Orrin Burrows, left, extends his congratulations to newly-obligated group of members of Local 1310, Washington, D. C.

Our President George Dow, just back from Florida, is ready to settle down to serious business and is very able to do the job. George, keep up the good work. George is a chartered member and very capable. More like a daddy to us boys. Good luck to you. Next comes our diplomatic and untiring business agents, Brothers Thomas Glynn Sr., better known in these parts as Tom. To our happy family it means a lot to have a man like Tom, he is referred to as our diplomatic and promotional department for all the good and welfare of Local 1258 he promotes. No dust under this guy's feet, the guiding light of local 1253. Wherever he goes or whatever he gets into he reaches for the best and that's just what we like about having him as our business agent. The working rates and also conditions are very good in our area and construction is just starting to break. In his everyday ventures Brother Glynn accumulated many titles as well as offices. To mention a few, our business agent and financial secretary, Vice-President of the State Federation of Labor, president of the Central Labor Body, secretary-treasurer of the Building Trades in Augusta. On the state level he received an appointment to the sheriff's department in this county. I know there are many many more jobs which I can't think of right now, but his projects and his promotions are many.

Many more years of success and lots of good health Tom!

Politically Brother Tom is well informed on state and national affairs and you will even see him in Washington once in awhile also for the good of labor. Recently he was a can-

didate for mayor in this city but withdrew by special request.

With work on the up hill we are looking to brighter periods in this local. I must also state that our men have shown good attendance at our meetings lately, keep it up boys. Local 1253 would never have gone so far without the cooperation of our I.V.P. John J. Regan, who has given us 100 percent support and cooperation in our undertakings. We are always looking forward to Brother Regan's coming to Augusta, and often, having him come to see us is just like a shot in the arm in getting what we need. He and his staff have given us many boosts. I hope he keeps on coming to see us for a long time. Best of luck to you all. Brothers in closing I'll say let's hear from you and what you're doing.

AL ("Spike") TREGAMBO, P. S.

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Letter from Local In I. O.'s Backyard

L. U. 1310, WASHINGTON, D. C.—I cannot help but be aware of the difference in writing a letter to the editor, when you are located out in the states (years ago), as compared to writing a letter when you are located almost on his front door step. Such is the case for me on behalf of our local union here in Washington, D. C.

We have the responsibility of organizing a great many of the electricians who do all kinds of electrical work, currently found necessary in many of the Government buildings in our Metropolitan area.

The enclosed photo shows Govern-

ment Employee's Representative Orrin A. Burrows congratulating a recent large group of newly obligated members. I am hopeful this picture will tell our vice president that we are pushing the ball in the right direction.

Of course we have enjoyed many benefits of organized labor, sometimes thoughtlessly, and hope we are on the eve of more, as we are about to go under a wage board this year. This should give us a wage that has an acceptable basis for comparison for like work elsewhere in the Government or even in across-the-street Government buildings. The writer has endured for too long, the deficiency in his pay check.

Our existence as a nucleus of organized labor, along with our affiliations, spearheaded by the A.F. of L. Government Employees Council has been the motivating force to bring us this far.

The all important and immediate helmsman to guide our destiny to the wage board has been Representative Burrows. We hope he can be spared for a respite from his labors as it has been a long haul for him in our situation and he still will be needed to help iron out future inequities that are bound to crop up.

For quite some time in the past we had trouble with dust getting in our eyes, until our International Vice President Gordon A. Freeman came along and showed us how to avoid continuing (organizational) dust storms.

You members who have not been coming to meetings, can find room to come and help give the organizational ball a push. You must remember, that once we attain new benefits,

we have to guard them, which will be much easier to do, if all your fellow workers belong to the I.B.E.W.

Trusting that this effort meets the issue of a bit of reporting, and helps get us on the way to being one of the leading Government I.B.E.W. local unions, I will sign off hoping that I will have some volunteers for press Secretary for the future.

E. J. SCHWAB, President.

Member Honored for Heroic Fire Rescue

L. U. 1335, NEWARK, N. J.—The highlight of our March meeting was the honoring of Brother James F. Lounsberry, for his heroic action in rescuing three children from their blazing basement apartment last January.

Brother Lounsberry, a World War II Veteran, was working on Charlton Street, Newark, when he noticed smoke pouring from a nearby building. Hailing a passerby to turn in a fire alarm, Brother Lounsberry entered the burning building, where he met Mamie Boyd, age four, and her five-year old sister. They told him that their baby sisters and brothers were still in the apartment. Brother Lounsberry made two trips into the blazing apartment to rescue 3-month old May, two-year old Patricia and 3-year old Jacey, all children of Mr. and Mrs. Jel Boyd who were out at the time.

Tiny May and sister Patricia were seriously burned. Firemen said all three children would have perished but for Brother Lounsberry's quick action.

The enclosed picture shows Brother Lounsberry being presented with a gift from Local 1335 by our President John Souden and officers of our local.

The Newark Safety Council and the New Jersey Afro-American newspaper honored Brother Lounsberry in an unusual double ceremony on March 7. At this time he was presented a citation and \$50.00 by the Newark Safety Council. The presentation was made on behalf of the council by its President, James M. Symington who is vice president, Public Service Co-ordinated Transport.

A bronze Afro Honor Roll Plaque was then presented by Samuel A. Haynes, Editor-Manager of the New Jersey Afro-American. This citation was for "superior public service without thought of gain."

During the regular order of business the membership voted to send four members to the Progress Meeting, to be held in Philadelphia on May 14 and 15. They are John Souden, president, Kenneth Stonebraker, vice president, Leif E. Scheie, secretary and Hasso von Geldern, Executive Board member.

President Souden and Vice Presi-

Newark Member Honored



Brother Lounsberry being presented with gift from Local 1335, Newark, N. J., by President John Souden and officers of our Local. Left to right: Kenneth Stonebraker, vice president; Leif E. Scheie, recording secretary; Herbert Worthington, financial secretary; John Souden, president; John Stackler, treasurer; Brother James F. Lounsberry, and Harry Dove, business representative for distribution.

Below, Brother Lounsberry receives a special public service award from the Newark Safety Council and the N. J. Afro-American newspaper. Full details and identifications are contained in the accompanying letter.



dent K. Stonebraker were also selected to attend the New Jersey State Federation Convention at Atlantic City with the other delegates to be called if needed at that time.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by our Welfare Committee, who did one of their usual bang-up jobs. This is one of our hardest working committees and their efforts are really appreciated by the Membership.

Our System Council for the 12 I.B.E.W. locals on Public Service property have started negotiations for our new contract. The present one expires May 1.

We know the boys on the Negotiating Committee will do a real job for

us just as they have always done in the past.

HASSO VON GELDERN, P. S.

Work Rate High at Coast Guard Yard

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—With the advent of Spring, and my new ballpoint pen, (of course the others are worn out), I shall endeavor to bring you the latest and most up-to-date data, greetings from the U. S. Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay, Maryland, and also from the Brothers all around the town and jobs. The humming you have heard and read about is still continuing and with a

Negotiate New Contract



Representatives of Local 1456 (Allentown, Pa.) and Local 603 (Easton, Pa.) formed a team to negotiate their recent contract. The group, above, includes (front row from left): Vice President Andrew S. Morgan, W.G.B. Woodring, chief engineer, and E. H. Flexer, treasurer, all of the Lehigh Valley Gas Division, U.G.I. Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; front row, standing: Jerry Duhrkopp, vice president on the Third District staff; Local 1456 President Charles Billman; E. Godown of the Gas Unit of Local 603; standing, second row: Thomas Billman, gas service man, Local 1456; Charles Bernhard, street mechanic and Local 1456 vice President, and Street Mechanic L. Stemm of Local Union 603.



The Negotiating Committee of the two locals. Seated from left: Charles Bernhard; Earl Godown; T. C. Brunner; Charles Billman; Thomas Billman; standing: L. Stemm and Arthur T. Weiss.

couple of additional ships arriving all make for a better spring. A terrific wind storm prevented the launching of two 95-footers. Nevertheless, work is piling up and it looks like it will be necessary to put on more help, which will be just fine.

Now for the meeting hall activities. President Lawrence Tarlton, in the chair, reports that Local Union 1383 has again subscribed to the IBEW Pension Fund.

At this time Local Union 1383 officers and members and yours truly extend our heartfelt sympathy to the IBEW and the family of our late Brother President Emeritus Daniel Tracy. May his soul rest in peace. Also, we would like to express to

Brother Walter Hudson, of Local Union 1383, our heartfelt sympathy upon the death of his beloved wife.

For the benefit of the Brothers who missed our Oyster Roast on March 19th, I want to say you missed a very wonderful affair. I, for one, regret being unable to attend due to other commitments that day. From reports coming in, it was a wonderful set-up thanks to the Entertainment Committee. The Entertainment Committee is now making detailed plans for a crab feast to be held in the very near future. So be prepared for the big feast, the time and place will be announced later. Brother Buckley was on oyster-shuck detail at the roast, how 'bout that?

Here, there, and everywhere department—Brother Louis Schultz wishes to convey belated Easter Greetings to all his very fine friends around the different jobs, also to the officers and brothers of L. U. 1579, Augusta, Georgia. Sorry, no more space, so look for the next report in the next JOURNAL.

REUBEN SEARS, P. S.

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Committee Seeking Contract Improvements

L. U. 1439, ST. LOUIS, MO.—Our present contract expires July 1, 1955. At this time our President Walter Curtis has appointed a Contract Negotiating Committee composed of the following: President Walter Curtis, Business Manager Eugene Roedder, Gregory Orf, James R. Scott, Roy Easter and Matt Grubeh. To these Brothers we owe fullest cooperation and appreciation of the effort required to negotiate a just and workable contract, so that each contract is a foundation for a better future contract.

Our safety program, in an over-all view, is improving. We are receiving cooperation from the company; the workers are becoming more safety conscious and more exact in presenting unsafe conditions and practices and suggestions for correction to the Safety Committee. A safety program can work only when each worker combines his safety efforts with all workers and the efforts of the company. We must all work as a team. Indeed, we must be alert to all hazards to our life, limb, peace and social well-being.

Speaking of our Safety Program, I want to express my reaction to all past fatal accidents and two recent ones. In March we lost a Brother by his coming into contact with 33 kv on a substation structure. In April, a Brother well known to this writer died from results of burns and a fall caused by contact with 33 kv last July, also on a substation structure.

All accidents are caused by one or more similar contributing factors. In order to reduce the number of these sacrifices of life and limb each of us, employer and employee alike, must, to the limit of our capacity, consider and study design of equipment, material, and tools; job training, work know-how and work practices.

In short, if nothing is gained by these sacrifices they are in vain. We must learn to gain from them that we may live.

TOM RAUER, P. S.

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Settle on Amendments To Labor Agreement

L. U. 1456, ALLENTOWN, PA.—This is our first time in print, so far as our

JOURNAL is concerned. We hope the following news item and photos are of interest.

Lehigh Valley Division of United Gas Improvement Company and Local Union 1456 of Allentown and Local Union 603 (Gas Unit) of Easton, Pennsylvania have completed negotiations of amendments to their labor agreement.

A friendly atmosphere was maintained throughout the more than five weeks of negotiations.

The local union membership had submitted 22 proposals, tending to strengthen their union and improve their wages and working conditions. Our batting average was almost 1,000. Twenty-one of the amendments are spelled out in the agreement. The company covered the 22nd very nicely in a letter to the union.

Among the provisions are a seven cents per hour across the board increase in addition to several inequity adjustments and the creation of new job classifications and rates of pay, a guarantee of pay for a minimum of seven holidays out of the nine holidays in the agreement, shift differential for both back shifts increased one cent per hour.

One of the most important changes made was on promotions. Where before qualifications had to be "equal" the requirement now is for "sufficient" qualifications.

We now have a dues check-off system under the terms of our new agreement. The secret ballot elections held for the determination of dues check-off issue showed the unity of these Brothers as the results were overwhelming in favor of dues check-off.

That negotiations were smooth and successful is no doubt due, in a large measure to the company's team of negotiators: Mr. W. G. B. Woodring, chief engineer, Mr. H. W. Parker, assistant chief engineer, Mr. E. H. Flexer, treasurer, Mr. R. B. Robinson, Easton district manager, Mr. P. Stauffer, works engineer, and Mr. L. Rand of the Home Office, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They were firm but fair. Mr. A. S. Morgan vice president of Lehigh Valley Gas Division, United Gas Improvement Co. welcomed us and at the end congratulated both sides.

Local Union 603 had Brothers Stemm and Godown representing the Local Union.

Local Union 1456 had president Charlie Billman (Serviceman "B"); Art. T. Weiss, recording secretary of local union (Pipefitter "A"); Charles Bernhard, vice president (Street Mechanic); and Committeemen Tommy Billman (Serviceman "B"), and T. C. Brunner, (Operator—Didier Plant.)

Vice President Joseph W. Liggett assigned one of his staff representatives, Brother Jerry Duhrkopp, to lead the negotiations.

Aid Child's Polio Fight



Officials of Local 1461, Waukegan, of the Lake County Polio Chapter and of St. Therese's Hospital in Waukegan see little Barbara McGrath try out the new "Respiraid" rocking bed donated to the hospital by the local.

The fact that a pension plan, non-contributory, and only company's half of Social Security deducted, has been installed had to be reckoned with by the membership. The company's estimate is that it costs them 22 cents per hour per employee.

Well, here we go again—two-year term agreement with wage reopener and discussion of company-paid Hospital Medical-Surgical Plan due effective one year from April 1, 1955.

We hope Jerry Duhrkopp's photos turn out so you can see what some of us look like and our bosses too.

Best wishes and let's hear from some of you gas utility men. We have to stick together the way the natural gas companies do. They make "organization" pay off. So can we do better than we've done.

A. T. WEISS, R. S.

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Donate "Respiraid" Bed to Polio Fight

L. U. 1461, WAUKEGAN, ILL.—A drama unfurled at Waukegan's St. Therese hospital recently. The scene was the hospital's polio ward and it brought tears to the eyes of Mrs. Joan Rodbro, veteran observer of Lake County polio misery.

Thirty staff and student nurses watched two-year-old Barbara McGrath use for the first time a "Respiraid" bed which Local 1461, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Physical Division, Public Service, had just donated to the Lake County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

A committee composed of Clement

Diehn, president of the local, Frank Tillman and Clifford Fuson, made the presentation. Another committeeman, Bob Gottschalk, was not able to attend.

Mrs. Joan Rodbro, executive secretary of the Lake County Chapter for polio, and Sister Augustella of the St. Therese hospital staff, accepted the bed, valued at \$1,645.

Barbara McGrath, two, a patient in the St. Therese polio ward since last September, was used by an expert of the McKesson Company, maker of the bed, to demonstrate its use by the hospital staff. Barbara has recently progressed from the polio stage in which she was confined in an iron lung.

The "Respiraid" bed was designed as an aid to "weaning" a patient away from the iron lung. It works on the basic principle of an old fashioned see-saw.

A patient is held firmly in place by shoulder guards similar to those worn by a football player while the electronically-controlled bed tips the patient's head up, then his feet up, and so on.

It can be controlled by a dial which can tilt a patient one complete revolution per minute, or in the case of a small child like Barbara who breathes faster than an adult, up to 30 times per minute.

Its principle is simply to relieve pressure on the patient's lungs by shifting pressure to other internal organs.

In an exceptional case where a patient is suffering heavily from gas, the bed can be stopped while the patient's head is in a down position to relieve the gas attack.

The patient is placed on the bed only a few minutes per day when he first becomes ready to leave the iron lung. Each day he spends more time on the bed and less time in the iron lung. Soon he has made sufficient recovery to remain on the revolutionary bed for great lengths of time, then finally can cease treatment on the gyrating bed and breathe comfortably in a conventional bed.

Thomas J. Creigh of the Scully-Wallon General Hospital Supply Service said the bed has been used successfully at the state hospital.

He invited student nurse Anita Gust to act as a patient for a demonstration.

Beginning slowly, he increased the pace to 24 tilts per minute at which point she remarked: "I'm beginning to feel like a sailor."

This is the second major gift the members of Local 1461 have made to their community. Just about a year ago they presented a Monaghan Portable Respirator to the Foundation, which has, in many instances, cheated the grim reaper during a drowning, heart attack or other emergency illnesses. The officers and members of this small Local (numbering approximately 475 people) have every reason to feel proud with the sense of a light heart and warm feeling of a job well done.

FRANK H. TILLMAN, F. S.

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New I. O. Representative For Chelsea Local 1499

L. U. 1499, CHELSEA, MASS.—In opening this article, I would like to express the deep sorrow and regret of Local 1499 in respect to the recent death of President Emeritus Dan W. Tracy. It goes without saying that the I.B.E.W. and the entire trade union movement have suffered a great loss and it would be practically impossible to translate the feeling of bereavement felt by all of our members.

Turning to news of a lighter nature, Francis X. Moore has replaced Dick Rogers as International Representative for our local. Dick has been a new assignment and since these things happen at such a rapid pace I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dick for the fine co-operation and aid that he has rendered to our local in the short time he was with us. However, we all feel certain that Brother Moore will continue to assist our local to prosper and flourish as it has in the past.

Since our last article in the JOURNAL, Local 1499 has finally succeeded in publishing a monthly newspaper. Although it is only a four-page mimeographed edition at the present, we expect it to be quite successful—and judging from the comments received on the first issue we seem to be

At R.I. Dinner-Dance



Officials of the Narragansett Wire Company, officers of Local 1542, Pawtucket, R.I., and guests at the company's annual dinner-dance. Seated, left to right: Luigi Pisani, business manager of Local 1542, Pawtucket, R. I.; Ben Romano, Local 1542 president, and Silvio Santilli, general chairman of the affair. Standing: Bruce Stiles, plant manager; Dwight Wrigley, plant superintendent; Rev. Daniel J. Ryan, associate director of Social Action Institute, and Arthur Houle, International representative.

off to a good start. Of course, there is much to be done in organizing the paper and obtaining an adequate editorial staff, but the response seems to be promising enough to have great expectations.

Finally, by the time this article is in print, we will be well in the midst of negotiations with the A. L. Smith Iron Co. of Chelsea and the Smithcraft Lighting Division of the same company. Our demands this year are concerned mostly with monetary subjects since last year was devoted to correcting and amending the contract terms and adjusting the working conditions. We expect very adamant opposition but feel confident that in the end the results will be satisfactory. After all, we refuse to remain below the average area rates paid in the industry and our primary objective is to equal these rates then surpass them.

GEORGE KRASCO, B. M.

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Conduct Negotiations With Massachusetts Firm

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—Negotiations are being conducted between Local 1514 and Wheeler Reflector at this time. Our Negotiating Committee members, John Riddell, Mary Turner, Thomas Kelly, Larry Waite and Bill Coit, are doing an excellent job.

Francis X. Moore, our I.B.E.W. Representative, is being extremely helpful. We would like to express our sincere thanks for the time and effort he is so willingly giving to us.

One of our best liked girls in Fluo-

rescent Assembly, the former Grace Celia, was recently married to Albert Patricelli. Our best wishes to both of you.

Jim Dries, from Central Stores, was here to visit us this week. He has been recuperating from a back operation performed several weeks ago. We'll be glad to have him back with us. I'm sure there are many of us who miss that ever-smiling face.

Since this local union started, Verda Lane has been the familiar name that signs these articles. Due to her health, she is unable to continue. We wish to thank her for the fine job she has done all these years. It is the wish of all that she will be better soon and back with us again.

DOROTHY SIME, P. S.

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Annual Dinner-Dance Of Rhode Island Firm

L. U. 1542, PAWTUCKET, R. I. — This is L. U. 1542's first contribution to our JOURNAL.

More than 400 persons attended the Annual Dinner-Dance of officials and workers of the Narragansett Wire Company held recently. The principal speaker was Reverend Daniel J. Ryan, associate director of the Social Action Institute.

The workers are members of Local 1542, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL.

Other guests at the head table besides those shown in the picture were: Mrs. Ben Romano, Mrs. Silvio Santilli, Mrs. Luigi Pisani, and Mrs. Arthur Houle.

This is our second annual affair and proved most successful. Many free prizes were given out, entertainment was presented and dancing held.

SILVIO SANTILLI,
General Chairman.

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Force Increases Aid New York Local 1631

L. U. 1631, HARMON, N. Y.—The officers and members of this local union join with the I.B.E.W. and the entire A. F. of L. in mourning the loss of President Emeritus Daniel W. Tracy.

The charter of this Local Union was draped in memory of Brother Carl C. Courtney. The late Brother Courtney was born in Colgate, Oklahoma, July 6, 1905, and died October 20, 1954. He was initiated in Local 817, New York, New York, and transferred to Local 1631, Harmon, New York, in March, 1950. Brother Carl in his youth was a professional boxer, having fought three times in New York's famous Madison Square Garden. Often at noon time he held his fellow workers with great interest with stories of his ring achievements. Brother Courtney was also a member of the Collaburgh Lodge, F. & A. M., Croton-on-Hudson, New York, and past patron of the Collaburgh Eastern Star.

This notice was to have been published in the January issue of the JOURNAL, but due to a slight error between your press secretary and the office, the editor was unable to make the press in time. My apology to the family of the late Brother Carl and the members of this local.

The last week in March saw another increase in the forces at the Harmon Shops on the New York Central System. Hope it continues.

The committee of the 50-50 Club reports that it is progressing quite well and thanks everyone for the support.

So long, see you all in the July issue of the JOURNAL.

DAVID H. VAN HOUTEN, P. S.

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Commend Use of 100% Union-Made Fixtures

L. U. 1724, WHEELING, W. VA.—Enclosed is a letter received by Sylvania Electric Company from John D. Grooms, 1349 Taylor Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, Local Union 28 IBEW, commending Sylvania Lighting fixtures.

This letter was read at the local union meeting and a motion was made and voted unanimously to forward this letter to the ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL to be printed and also a picture showing the assembly line of the Sylvania Electric 48th Street plant, Wheeling, W. Va. These are

Union Assembly Line



A scene at the 100 percent unionized Sylvania Electric Co. in the jurisdiction of Local 1724, Wheeling, W. Va.

100 per cent union made fixtures and we urge all of the thousands of electricians in the IBEW to recommend a union-made lighting fixture.

Baltimore, Md.

Jan. 8, 1955

Sylvania Electric Products Inc.

One 48th St.

Wheeling, W. Va.

Att. Sales Service Dept.

Dear Sirs:

I am an electrician working for The Riggs Destler Company at the Johns Hopkins Hospital here in Baltimore.

In the past have been installed, and assembled a large number, up in the hundreds of fluorescent fixtures.

At present am hanging and assembling the fluorescent fixtures at the above hospital.

Want to take this time to commend you and your workers who assemble and pack the fixtures.

Of all the fixtures being unpacked, assembled and hung, *not one* was bent or scratched and no bolts, wire, nuts or leads were missing.

It sure is a good bit of advertisement for you of Sylvania Company.

Keep up the good work.

Very truly yours,

JOHN D. GROOMS.

P.S.—Am enclosing some of the Good Will slips taken from some of the fixtures.

GEORGE TSORAS, President.

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Progress Meeting For Toronto Stewards

L. U. 1788, TORONTO, ONT. — Lo-

cal Union 1788, "A" Membership of the Hydro Commission, Construction Division, held a stewards progress meeting at the Prince George Hotel, downtown Toronto, on the 15th of January 1955, under the guiding hands of Pete Coslett, and Representative Bob Wooden, a man we have to thank for his organizing ability up here in Canada.

Pete Coslett, a well spoken business-like Englishman, presented a clear-cut, precise instruction on how a steward should operate, making full use of the I.B.E.W. pamphlets on this subject. Many of the stewards had traveled all night, but were wide awake, with pencils and pads (supplied), absorbing the full, instructions imparted to them.

Then followed questions, some stingers. These were answered by Pete or Bob in their stride. The meeting then took a lighter trend, when President Frank Murphy, a purposeful speaker, told the story of the *Wise Man from China*.

This story tells how the King had asked to have brought before him the wisest man in all China. Whereupon, a young man was presented together with a very old man. Turning to the old man, he said:

"So you are the wisest man in all China?" "No," said the old man. "This is the wisest man." "Then pray, who are you?" said the king. In a low voice the old man said, "I am his teacher."

Bob Kelly then spoke in his slow, unaffected way. You are quiet when Bob speaks, and you find he is easy to listen to. There was nothing too profound, just telling us that it is not a

Canadian Progress Meeting



Under the sponsorship of Local 1788, Toronto, Ont., the members attended a recent Stewards' Progress Meeting.

good idea to let the other guy do it, and he continued with the story of the councillors. They having promised to present their mayor with a barrel of rich wine, decided to each donate one gallon to the barrel. It occurred to one man that if he poured in a gallon of water, it would not be noticed, mixed with all the other wine. At the presentation the mayor received a barrel of water. All the other councillors had had the same idea.

It was at this time that our guest speaker arrived, none other than Mr. John Stark, director of Hydro Power Commission Construction Division. (The boss himself.) He made it very clear that he had not come to give a speech, but in fact gave us a very enlightening talk on the past and the future of Hydro construction.

He seemed to know all about our small and large troubles, and reassured us that there was indeed a future for us in the construction field, both in line work and generation. He made some reference to the "grape vine" method of information, how unreliable this method can be, but warned us to be loyal to anything we went into.

I am sure the applause given him was not just to the "Big Boss." We felt heartfully thankful at his coming and understanding us, and giving us great confidence for the part that we are playing in this great industry. If you are a union man be true to the union. If you are a member of management, be true to management. Both sides can be true to the Hydro and the public we serve.

Pete Coslett adjourned the meeting with the announcement that our "out-of-pocket" expenses would be met, if

they could only find the man with the key to the safe.

During the meeting we heard of the most unfortunate accident to Mr. Robert H. Saunders' airplane, but at that time no official report was out as to the extent of the damage.

Since then, however, we all know that he met his tragic death in this crash.

He was a great man; may his soul rest in peace.

J. P. CASEY, P. S.

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Report from Cambridge Toddler Local 1854

L. U. 1854, CAMBRIDGE, OHIO—Because of our youth we hesitate to mention our existence, especially after reading in the JOURNAL of all the acquired citations, awards, accomplishments, retirements, etc., after long years of work, service and membership in IBEW. We don't have much to brag about yet but we want everyone to know we're in there "pitching" for a bigger and better organized labor group with IBEW common aims and interests at heart. (Congratulations! That's good news to us in the I. O.)

We were born a manufacturing group with RCA, January 8, 1953. Nine of us were a part of national RCA negotiations in Washington, D. C. May 1954. Six delegates were sent to the Chicago Convention August 1954, which I must say was quite an experience. Three members attended the IBEW Ohio State Conference in Dayton, Ohio, January 1955.

We are making an earnest effort to

absorb information and gain knowledge and wisdom in conducting our business and handling the problems of labor relations that arise every day.

Employment is low though slowly rising, but we are thankful we have been the backbone for the community the past eight months or more.

The first six months after our organization we operated under the able leadership of President Charles Fair. May 1954 brought an election and a change in officers. Charles Burt, the new president, started off with vim and vigor but a heart ailment forced him to take a leave of absence from December 21, 1954 to March 1, 1955. During that interval our Vice President Kenneth Bates kept things rolling.

Upon Chuck's return, in order to keep his activity to a minimum, a little maneuvering was done and the chairman of the board of directors, Leroy Warne, exchanged offices with him; so now under the guidance of "Warnie" and everybody's shoulder to the wheel we hope to make considerable gains in the near future.

An item of interest to all was that our two sightless brothers had quite an insight for a new contract—marriage. Raymond Howard was married February 18, 1955 to Donna Louise Walters, Hopewell, Ohio. She is at present employed at the Ohio Consolidated Telephone Co. They reside at 123 S. 9th Street, Cambridge, Ohio.

One month later, March 18, 1955, his roommate and buddy, Donald Brucker, joined in matrimony with Ruth Alberta Schneider, Lancaster, Ohio, a home town girl. They are living at 124 N. 5th Street, Cam-

bridge, Ohio. Both of these boys are graduates of the School for the Blind in Columbus, Ohio. All of us wish them the utmost success and happiness.

So far two functions have been sponsored by Local 1854. Last August a picnic for members and their families was a huge success. It was held at the City Park where there were games, prizes and entertainment for all. In the Christmas holidays a movie matinee was free to members and families, with bags of candy for the kiddies. Other activities have been combined with the company under joint committees.

Our charities are pooled into a United Benefit Fund—moneys going to outside organizations and a certain percent to Emergency Employee Welfare.

Fun and Frolic is united under A.A.A. (Athletic Activities Association). During the 1954 season the boys had a championship basketball team. They had trouble this year finding enough teams to make a schedule and give them any competition.

The Christmas Holiday Dance, held at the National Guard Armory, was a howling jamboree enjoyed by everyone.

At present we have 12 bowling teams, eight for men, four for women. Competition is keen and we'll report on results later.

Enough for our "gang" now, but you'll be hearing from us again.

A little motto we like to keep in mind "Take heed, take heart, take hold."

NEVA K. JONES, P. S.

One of Newest Locals Reports from Hamlet

L. U. 1923, HAMLET, N. C.—Local Union 1923 was chartered on January 1, 1955 and our first meeting was held on January 13, with International Representative J. Taylor Soop presiding. At this organizational meeting the following officers were elected: President Walter L. Peters; Vice President L. H. Palmer; Financial Secretary H. E. Hansen Jr.; Recording Secretary Alcus B. Cason; Treasurer V. S. Smith; and Executive Board members J. D. Nash and Edgar A. Lamb. L. U. 1923 is a railroad local, comprised of Electrical Workers employed by the Seaboard Airline Railroad Company. In April, 1954, the Seaboard opened a new, modern Diesel locomotive repair shop in Hamlet. This shop, in conjunction with a new automatic freight classification yard, represents an investment of over eight million dollars. With the expansion of the railroad's facilities here, the electrical force was increased considerably. The electrical workers in Hamlet were working out of locals in Portsmouth, Virginia,

New North Carolina Local



Officers of Local 1923, Hamlet, N.C., examine their brand new charter, above. Standing, from left: L. R. Palmer; J. D. Nash; A. B. Cason; E. A. Lamb; V. S. Smith, and H. E. Hansen, Jr. Seated: President W. L. Peters. Below, are the members of the new local at their first meeting.



The new diesel repair shop of the Seaboard Railroad, located in Hamlet. Here members of Local 1923 repair, maintain and overhaul electrical equipment for diesel locomotives.

Miami, Florida, and Jacksonville, Florida. It was not long before the need for a new local was felt. The members here, belonging to widely scattered locals, were unable to attend meetings. Also, there were some new men in our electrical department who did not belong to the I.B.E.W. The men in our new local are classi-

fied as Diesel-electricians, air-conditioning and car-lighting electricians, telephone and signal maintainers, roadway electricians, and apprentices and helpers.

All of the members of 1923 join in sending their fraternal greetings to I.B.E.W. locals the world over.

W. L. FORD, P. S.

Mental Health

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period of time may need psychiatric care.

(1) Believes people are persecuting him.

(2) Has such periods of "blues" that he is unable to work.

(3) Seems to live in a world apart and refuses to face problems.

(4) Is very undecided and actually suffers trying to make up his mind.

(5) Is extremely moody—"up in the clouds" one minute and "down in the dumps" the next.

(6) Can't sleep without medication.

(7) Is extremely irritable—exhibits fits of temper.

(8) Declares himself ill, though medical examinations show nothing wrong.

(9) Has inordinate fears.

(10) Hears or sees things that are not there.

(11) Loses interest in everything—job, appearance, family.

(12) Talks feverishly and often incoherently, skipping from one subject to another.

If one or more of these symptoms become prevalent in any member of your family, try to get medical help for that person. The symptoms may turn out to be wholly unimportant, but let a doctor decide.

Now suppose your doctor decides that definite mental disturbance is indicated. If the illness is minor, your doctor may be able to treat the patient. If not, he most certainly will refer you to a reputable psychiatrist or mental clinic.

Choice of a qualified psychiatrist is extremely important. If a psychiatrist belongs to his county medical association this is certainly an indication of his reliability. If he is a member of the American Psychiatric Association, this is an excellent recommendation and of course if he holds a diploma from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, this is the highest recommendation of all.

There are many therapists who advertise psychiatric treatment, who are not doctors and may do

Death Claims for March, 1955

L. U.	NAME	AMOUNT	L. U.	NAME	AMOUNT
1. O. (1)	R. H. Turner	1,000.00	124	R. Jewett	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	T. F. Curry	111.11	129	W. O. Wheeler	1,000.00
1. O. (3)	F. W. Welfenbach	1,000.00	130	L. J. James	1,000.00
1. O. (8)	T. Blythe	1,000.00	131	A. E. Bueman	150.00
1. O. (6)	J. W. Walsh	1,000.00	131	H. L. Dexter	300.00
1. O. (9)	E. Pierce	1,000.00	131	B. J. Bosch	1,000.00
1. O. (9)	H. West Sr.	1,000.00	131	A. A. Welter	1,000.00
1. O. (9)	L. Larson	1,000.00	134	W. V. Tarpey	1,000.00
1. O. (11)	E. F. Tolmie	150.00	134	W. Garber	825.00
1. O. (17)	W. J. Riley	750.00	134	C. Gardner	1,000.00
1. O. (28)	C. D. Harrison	1,000.00	134	V. V. Webster	1,000.00
1. O. (40)	O. C. Woodward	1,000.00	134	G. D. Holland	825.00
1. O. (58)	J. E. Smith	1,000.00	134	J. J. Gross	1,000.00
1. O. (59)	S. E. Gibbs	1,000.00	135	J. C. Winslett	1,000.00
1. O. (73)	E. W. Arenton	1,000.00	137	O. Johnson	1,000.00
1. O. (77)	N. Craig	1,000.00	141	F. H. Keenan	1,000.00
1. O. (82)	A. E. Handrick	1,000.00	141	B. C. Yoh	1,000.00
1. O. (86)	C. Pelouin	1,000.00	153	E. A. Busch	1,000.00
1. O. (104)	P. J. Quigley	1,000.00	174	N. J. Ahlgren	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	R. W. Engert	1,000.00	196	S. Forson	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	P. C. Scanlon	1,000.00	213	A. Fidler	1,000.00
1. O. (164)	J. Farley	1,000.00	263	E. B. O'Hara	1,000.00
1. O. (195)	C. Michaelis	250.00	276	C. Matson	150.00
1. O. (212)	W. Mailey	1,000.00	288	E. H. Kothe	1,000.00
1. O. (214)	W. D. Crawford	1,000.00	292	C. L. Madison	1,000.00
1. O. (312)	J. A. Rosemond	1,000.00	295	H. P. Boice	1,000.00
1. O. (322)	L. W. Knowles	1,000.00	304	W. W. Phillips	1,000.00
1. O. (479)	H. M. Sammons	1,000.00	306	M. J. Florin	1,000.00
1. O. (483)	A. R. Shevland	1,000.00	309	H. G. Goss	1,000.00
1. O. (492)	J. Sutherland	1,000.00	311	R. C. Campbell	1,000.00
1. O. (501)	C. Maynard	1,000.00	323	L. C. McCann	1,000.00
1. O. (501)	C. Gallagher	1,000.00	349	F. E. McGlothlin	1,000.00
1. O. (508)	O. R. O'Neill	1,000.00	350	R. Dunn	1,000.00
1. O. (616)	E. S. Gilman	1,000.00	353	E. Alexander	1,000.00
1. O. (663)	H. S. Andrews	1,000.00	354	E. S. Hiltz	1,000.00
1. O. (677)	F. E. Truman	1,000.00	358	J. E. Slaninka	1,000.00
1. O. (756)	H. E. Canfield	1,000.00	359	C. E. Vann	1,000.00
1. O. (949)	A. Wicklund	1,000.00	379	H. C. Busch	1,000.00
1. O. (953)	I. O. Reiten	1,000.00	390	V. L. Alley	650.00
1. O. (1231)	C. L. Stafford	1,000.00	394	T. H. Westberry	1,000.00
1. O. (1393)	C. Helderman	1,000.00	397	J. Dellostritto	1,000.00
1	E. H. Janis	1,000.00	408	J. J. Prill	1,000.00
1	D. A. Scullin	1,000.00	428	C. A. Gustafson	1,000.00
2	G. Steinman	1,000.00	428	T. L. Bailey	1,000.00
2	J. E. Devine	1,000.00	429	J. M. Dilday	1,000.00
3	J. C. Devine	150.00	439	E. L. Goforth	1,000.00
3	W. H. Thompson	150.00	470	L. P. Mick	1,000.00
3	A. Lester	150.00	477	O. O. Anderson	1,000.00
3	A. Hellenberg	150.00	477	W. J. Griffith	1,000.00
3	A. Mattia	150.00	494	A. V. Fields	1,000.00
3	D. Shadire	1,000.00	501	D. M. Stafford	825.00
3	W. Powers	1,000.00	508	M. Hauschildt	1,000.00
3	J. P. Scherr	825.00	508	A. W. Thiel	1,000.00
3	C. Arvani	1,000.00	508	A. Daigault	1,000.00
3	N. E. Bruhn	1,000.00	570	A. Desjardins	475.00
3	A. L. Ciccolallo	1,000.00	571	C. W. Bayne	1,000.00
3	H. J. Schwab	1,000.00	571	H. W. Shand	1,000.00
3	E. C. White	1,000.00	575	G. B. Barrett	1,000.00
3	A. C. Bedsole	1,000.00	595	W. J. Roney	1,000.00
3	C. F. Nicholls	1,000.00	610	H. A. Blaker	1,000.00
3	W. E. Hillis	1,000.00	611	C. W. Sorensen	1,000.00
3	N. E. Papola	1,000.00	621	F. W. Adair	1,000.00
3	J. G. Goldford	1,000.00	647	J. E. Barnes	1,000.00
3	T. J. Stevens	1,000.00	650	J. R. Hartley	1,000.00
3	D. Delcaudio	1,000.00	660	E. Feast	1,000.00
3	W. A. Campion	1,000.00	664	E. X. McGrath	825.00
3	J. J. Doherty	1,000.00	702	G. M. Newman	475.00
3	G. H. Hicks	1,000.00	704	V. C. Hoppmann	1,000.00
5	W. L. Raven	1,000.00	706	H. F. Easton	1,000.00
6	D. Duff	1,000.00	710	G. Waterhouse	1,000.00
9	R. Pahl	1,000.00	716	J. O. Tarver	1,000.00
11	W. J. Labelle	1,000.00	723	W. J. Gill	1,000.00
11	L. S. Bourcell	1,000.00	729	R. D. Hurt	1,000.00
11	C. G. Ackerman	1,000.00	735	H. B. Maia	50.00
18	J. C. Stockham	1,000.00	753	J. R. Myers	650.00
23	W. C. O'Donnell	650.00	760	E. A. Parrott	1,000.00
40	M. R. Speede	1,000.00	764	F. H. Emery	600.00
46	A. McLean	150.00	800	J. Monahan	1,000.00
46	J. M. Winchester	1,000.00	816	G. Emerson	1,000.00
48	H. S. Jones	1,000.00	817	J. Ellis	1,000.00
48	C. A. Reed	150.00	817	J. J. Kelly	1,000.00
48	G. H. Tennyson	1,000.00	846	L. C. Graham	300.00
48	T. E. Shea	1,000.00	872	W. E. Miller	650.00
51	H. L. Fullbright	1,000.00	873	P. D. Lee	650.00
51	L. Tuzile	1,000.00	873	M. M. Kerns	1,000.00
51	L. Venturi	1,000.00	873	E. Julow	1,000.00
52	C. Carter	1,000.00	892	A. E. Gough	650.00
53	G. P. Goodman	150.00	949	R. O. Wonnur	1,000.00
53	S. O. Arnold	1,000.00	997	R. E. Covault Sr.	1,000.00
58	C. C. Kiernan	1,000.00	1030	W. F. Penke	475.00
59	W. F. Craig	300.00	1118	A. Bedard	1,000.00
73	E. J. Dawson	1,000.00	1151	B. H. Nutt	1,000.00
77	E. Denton	1,000.00	1152	L. G. Keeney	1,000.00
77	B. F. Nelson	1,000.00	1190	W. D. Robinson	1,000.00
80	L. E. Wood	1,000.00	1212	A. R. Treat, Jr.	1,000.00
98	W. G. Powers	1,000.00	1293	O. I. Stiles	300.00
98	M. R. Kates	1,000.00	1501	F. S. Barney	1,000.00
107	R. H. Blue	1,000.00	1753	J. A. Stevenson	1,000.00
108	T. C. Johnston	1,000.00	1770	F. Savard	1,000.00
124	P. C. Chapman	1,000.00			
124	R. P. Ewing	1,000.00			
			Total		\$183,727.77

more harm than good. These should be avoided. Many of them are quacks who are not competent to give any help at all.

The psychiatrist may refer the

patient to a mental clinic where periodic treatment may be all that is necessary to restore emotional stability. Or the specialist may feel hospitalization is necessary.

The question of hospitalization often presents a great problem—should the care be public or private? Of course every husband, wife, daughter, son, mother or father, who must seek this type of care for a loved one, wants the best, and will make every financial sacrifice to secure it. But good private sanitariums come high—from \$75 to \$150 a week with professional treatment, like electric shock, extra. These costs are far above the means of the average family, AND, this is an important and somewhat consoling factor. State hospitals, while they are overcrowded and need improvement, often provide the best treatment available. Remember that the comfortable surroundings, and certain living niceties are no substitute for continuous treatment that will restore a patient to health.

Next month we will explain the treatment that is given to patients in the mental hospitals of today, point out how far these hospitals have come—yet how far they still must go. We will tell how we may help to bring about better treatment for mental patients and aid discharged patients toward successful rehabilitation.

(We acknowledge with thanks the assistance of the National Institute of Mental Health and the Public Affairs Committee, for supplying us with information for this article.)

Wedding Rings

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metal, has a touching story behind its name.

It is named for the Goddess Pallas, whose statue once stood within the gates of Troy. Legend had it that as long as her image, the Palladium, remained within the city walls, the city would be safe from harm. During the Trojan War, two enemy soldiers carried off the Palladium and very soon the city fell.

Thus palladium stands for safeguard and a ring of palladium stands for a permanent marriage.

Our readers may be interested to know that the wedding ring trade is big business here in the

Death Claims for April, 1955					
L. U.	NAME	AMOUNT	L. U.	NAME	AMOUNT
1. O. (3)	W. Daylin	1,000.00	130	R. C. Shelton Jr.	1,000.00
1. O. (6)	C. E. Sephton	1,000.00	131	H. H. Benzel	150.00
1. O. (91)	H. Koelling	1,000.00	132	A. V. Gratiaford	825.00
1. O. (11)	R. Tewell	1,000.00	133	A. E. Enstrom	1,000.00
1. O. (31)	J. Hayden	1,000.00	134	E. F. Lietz	1,000.00
1. O. (35)	B. F. Day	1,000.00	135	M. J. Murovski	1,000.00
1. O. (38)	C. R. Hoskinson	1,000.00	136	W. G. Norman	475.00
1. O. (38)	G. B. Warner	1,000.00	137	G. J. Lapka	300.00
1. O. (39)	W. B. Thompson	1,000.00	138	H. G. Fuller	1,000.00
1. O. (48)	M. H. Vanwart	166.67	139	E. F. Burg	475.00
1. O. (50)	G. Breen	1,000.00	140	B. A. Baumgartner	1,000.00
1. O. (58)	O. T. Harrey	1,000.00	141	G. F. Baueham	1,000.00
1. O. (65)	C. A. Nankervis	1,000.00	142	D. G. Mancuso	1,000.00
1. O. (66)	L. B. Brooks	1,000.00	143	C. D. Gardiner	1,000.00
1. O. (70)	H. F. Durham	1,000.00	144	T. J. McCarthy	1,000.00
1. O. (77)	O. Hagerty	1,000.00	145	W. L. Schmidt	1,000.00
1. O. (77)	A. L. Best	1,000.00	146	N. E. Massey	1,000.00
1. O. (80)	H. W. Simpson	1,000.00	147	J. L. Derold	1,000.00
1. O. (82)	E. H. Nolt	1,000.00	148	C. E. Dickey	1,000.00
1. O. (95)	C. L. Allen	1,000.00	149	J. F. O'Malley	1,000.00
1. O. (103)	S. W. Burgess	1,000.00	150	W. G. Duncan	1,000.00
1. O. (103)	J. J. Harrigan	1,000.00	151	J. B. Yocum	1,000.00
1. O. (110)	J. L. Robertson	1,000.00	152	H. M. Stephens	1,000.00
1. O. (121)	G. E. Sammond	1,000.00	153	F. Klepp	1,000.00
1. O. (131)	H. C. Portner	1,000.00	154	C. A. Anderson	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	G. Edwards	1,000.00	155	E. D. Deery	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	C. Cole	1,000.00	156	C. B. Torstadt	1,000.00
1. O. (134)	D. Seasholtz	1,000.00	157	E. A. Hills	1,000.00
1. O. (318)	F. C. Whitson	1,000.00	158	G. L. Faulhaber	825.00
1. O. (365)	W. L. Styles	150.00	159	E. P. Ferris	1,000.00
1. O. (400)	J. J. Bon	1,000.00	160	W. E. Davis	1,000.00
1. O. (528)	A. J. Hitz	1,000.00	161	W. F. Heithcock	1,000.00
1. O. (595)	S. A. Woolsey	1,000.00	162	C. L. Mcaninch	1,000.00
1. O. (651)	T. R. Weir	1,000.00	163	W. A. Lybarger	1,000.00
1. O. (713)	G. C. Heinrich	1,000.00	164	A. B. Lewis	1,000.00
1. O. (774)	C. Francis	1,000.00	165	G. L. Nichols	1,000.00
1. O. (794)	M. Larsen	1,000.00	166	H. Dursema	1,000.00
1. O. (860)	F. Krabych	1,000.00	167	G. A. Snavely	1,000.00
1. O. (1002)	L. M. Bulger	1,000.00	168	P. F. Funk	1,000.00
1. O. (1016)	L. W. Rushing	1,000.00	169	G. L. Johnson	650.00
1. O. (1077)	M. Veck	825.00	170	J. W. Wilson	300.00
1. O. (1130)	J. H. Morrow	500.00	171	A. Nikula	293.05
1	B. E. Stiles	1,000.00	172	G. C. Peck	1,000.00
1	J. H. Byrd	1,000.00	173	M. D. Sumner	1,000.00
2	C. C. Roberts	825.00	174	C. S. Phillips	1,000.00
3	L. R. Rivera	150.00	175	O. L. Clark	1,000.00
3	J. A. Thiel	150.00	176	R. H. Camp	1,000.00
3	N. Vrydenberger	150.00	177	W. B. Thompson	475.00
3	H. C. Precht	150.00	178	J. H. Crowley	650.00
3	J. Colletti	1,000.00	179	A. S. Fisher	1,000.00
3	H. J. Fellmeth	1,000.00	180	A. Hathaway	650.00
3	M. Fox	1,000.00	181	P. E. Yeager Sr.	1,000.00
3	J. E. Service	650.00	182	G. L. Smith	1,000.00
3	F. J. Collins	1,000.00	183	A. Weiss	650.00
3	E. Plechner	1,000.00	184	D. M. White	825.00
3	H. Wortendyke	1,000.00	185	D. Tracy	1,000.00
5	J. F. Fiezel	1,000.00	186	L. Nelson	1,000.00
5	C. F. Penwell	1,000.00	187	W. R. Kessler	1,000.00
5	W. L. Satterfield	1,000.00	188	J. R. Honner	1,000.00
6	A. Augustini	1,000.00	189	P. B. Arnold	1,000.00
6	M. B. Schaldach	1,000.00	190	W. G. Jeter	1,000.00
7	E. J. Shean	1,000.00	191	W. L. Banta	1,000.00
9	W. C. Lewis	1,000.00	192	T. J. Donnelly	1,000.00
11	B. M. Bauman	1,000.00	193	G. W. Mahoney	1,000.00
11	F. G. Riezinski	1,000.00	194	K. C. Gerkery	1,000.00
26	G. E. Redding	1,000.00	195	D. H. Bond	1,000.00
28	G. F. Seebo	150.00	196	A. C. Schwind	1,000.00
31	S. J. Neff	1,000.00	197	J. K. Cherani	1,000.00
39	J. J. Berzinskas	1,000.00	198	L. C. Johnson	650.00
39	F. J. Bard	825.00	199	L. Gordon	444.45
46	E. E. Reynolds	1,000.00	200	E. G. Nessa	1,000.00
49	J. W. Perkins	150.00	201	S. F. Conklin	1,000.00
52	R. A. McCurdy	1,000.00	202	J. Caro Sr.	1,000.00
52	H. E. Gill	1,000.00	203	E. A. Blitch	825.00
57	R. B. Powelson	825.00	204	J. N. Robinson	475.00
58	H. Forrester	1,000.00	205	R. J. Leonard	1,000.00
65	H. Me Pike	1,000.00	206	H. Peck	1,000.00
66	E. L. Land	1,000.00	207	W. W. McPhail	1,000.00
68	T. J. Gavin	1,000.00	208	A. L. Zachary	650.00
76	W. J. Baller	1,000.00	209	G. Marshall	1,000.00
76	C. O. Merritt	1,000.00	210	J. C. Clemons	1,000.00
82	H. A. Sandy	300.00	211	R. F. Wise	1,000.00
95	D. O. Knapp	1,000.00	212	W. M. Goff	1,000.00
108	V. C. Gaine	1,000.00	213	J. G. Reeder	1,000.00
125	O. S. Smith	1,000.00	214	C. M. Sarver	475.00
130	A. T. Whitley	150.00	Total		\$152,179.17

United States. Production exceeds the 10 million mark every year. This may seem odd since the highest number of weddings on record is for the first postwar year, 1946, when the total reached 2,300,000. The explanation? Well, some of the surplus rings are bought by people whose original wedding bands have been lost, outgrown or worn out. Some unmarried women buy rings and wear them to discourage

unwanted attentions and some dissatisfied spinsters just wear them to fool the public.

There's one old wedding ring custom that we may be glad has "gone by the board." Gay young blades of the 17th Century in England would "marry" the maids of their choice with a ring made of reeds to bind the contract. When the perishable ring was done, so was the marriage.

IN MEMORIAM

Prayer For Our Deceased Members

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done. . . We say the prayer Thou gavest us to pray, O Lord, and we offer it for those whose names we record here in sorrow—those who have passed on. We miss them, Lord, miss their friendship for they were our Brothers. But Thou, O Lord, knowest best and so we humbly ask Thy mercy for our friends and say "Thy will be done."

Look with pity, Compassionate Lord, on those their dear ones left on earth whose grief is great. Send them Thy comfort and Thy hope, so that they too may say in peace and resignation, "Thy will be done."

Remember us too, Father, we who speak to Thee today and ask Thy mercy and Thy help. Teach us Thy ways, Lord, and give us the strength to walk in them. We are weak and we are selfish, but Thy love and Thy wisdom can make us strong and full of sympathy for our fellowman. Help us, Lord, keep and love us, so that whatever troubles or trials we face, even unto the hour of our death, we may simply say "Thy will be done."

Amen.

Walter Billmeier, L. U. No. 1
Born December 15, 1908
Initiated October 18, 1946
Died April 13, 1955

John Bozark, L. U. No. 1
Born January 6, 1909
Initiated September 10, 1952
Died December 22, 1954

James H. Byrd, L. U. No. 1
Born May 25, 1891
Initiated September 1943
Died March 21, 1955

Oliver C. Fedke, L. U. No. 1
Born November 30, 1892
Initiated May 12, 1918
Died February 15, 1955

Robert Gallagher, L. U. No. 1
Born January 22, 1927
Initiated May 21, 1948
Died November 27, 1954

Charles J. Greer, L. U. No. 1
Born November 11, 1879
Initiated June 1912
Died October 21, 1954

Albert Hein, L. U. No. 1
Born April 11, 1892
Initiated June 8, 1920
Died January 22, 1955

Irving H. Janis, L. U. No. 1
Born February 18, 1904
Initiated March 23, 1928
Died February 19, 1955

George A. Kratz, L. U. No. 1
Born April 1884
Initiated May 13, 1952
Died January 1, 1955

Frank A. Nothies, L. U. No. 1
Initiated May 31, 1944
Died October 30, 1954

Charles D. Ross, L. U. No. 1
Born March 21, 1885
Initiated January 13, 1914
Died October 27, 1954

Daniel Scullin, L. U. No. 1
Born December 31, 1886
Initiated March 21, 1941
Died March 3, 1955

Robert Severs, L. U. No. 1
Born June 30, 1926
Initiated March 1, 1949
Died November 27, 1954

George Steinman, L. U. No. 1
Born September 5, 1904
Initiated December 14, 1928
Died March 12, 1955

Ralph E. Stites, L. U. No. 1
Born October 4, 1902
Initiated November 28, 1949
Died March 18, 1955

Walter Thomas, L. U. No. 1
Born July 4, 1890
Initiated June 19, 1950
Died February 7, 1955

August Augustini, L. U. No. 6
Born May 26, 1893
Initiated April 4, 1944
Died March 30, 1955

Walter Jacob Dreyer, L. U. No. 6
Born June 17, 1889
Initiated July 27, 1908
Died April 19, 1955

M. B. Schaldach, L. U. No. 6
Born January 17, 1886
Reinitiated February 29, 1936
Died March 21, 1955

Charles E. Sephton, L. U. No. 6
Born December 18, 1878
Initiated March 7, 1900
Died March 22, 1954

Harvey E. Smith, L. U. No. 6
Born October 6, 1879
Initiated April 25, 1904
Died March 24, 1955

Ralph Leffel, L. U. No. 17
Born December 7, 1893
Reinitiated June 7, 1940
Died April 14, 1955

George E. Redding, Sr., L. U. No. 26
Born September 15, 1888
Initiated February 5, 1914
Died April 19, 1955

Howard J. Redding, L. U. No. 26
Born April 1, 1879
Initiated December 13, 1951
Died April 24, 1955

Frank Havens, L. U. No. 41
Born October 30, 1872
Initiated May 18, 1926
Died March 30, 1955

L. B. Brooks, L. U. No. 66
Born January 22, 1888
Initiated November 11, 1910
Died April 2, 1955

E. L. Land, L. U. No. 66
Born August 24, 1906
Initiated April 1, 1950
Died March 20, 1955

P. C. Chapman, L. U. No. 124
Born August 7, 1892
Initiated November 19, 1919
Died February 26, 1955

R. P. Ewing, L. U. No. 124
Born September 1, 1890
Initiated March 26, 1931
Died March 5, 1955

J. M. Hennessy, L. U. No. 124
Born August 28, 1888
Initiated October 10, 1917
Died January 26, 1955

Ralph Jewett, L. U. No. 124
Born August 13, 1904
Initiated November 11, 1925
Died February 28, 1955

J. V. Mautino, L. U. No. 124
Born September 2, 1904
Initiated January 3, 1951
Died March 22, 1955

H. S. O'Neill, L. U. No. 125
Born October 5, 1880
Initiated November 17, 1907
Died April 13, 1955

Robert C. Shelton, L. U. No. 130
Born September 24, 1921
Initiated April 22, 1942
Died March 24, 1955

Edward T. Johnson, L. U. No. 160
Born October 10, 1894
Reinitiated August 23, 1940
Died April 14, 1955

William J. King, L. U. No. 212
Born December 31, 1887
Initiated October 31, 1930
Died April 14, 1955

William L. Schmidt, L. U. No. 212
Born November 8, 1907
Initiated April 3, 1942
Died April 6, 1955

Edward Ulrich, L. U. No. 212
Born March 27, 1870
Initiated November 16, 1910
Died April 12, 1955

C. E. Dickey, L. U. No. 309
Born June 8, 1893
Initiated May 22, 1923
in L. U. No. 702
Died March 29, 1955

Stephen N. Thompson, L. U. No. 417
Born July 19, 1880
Initiated June 4, 1920
Died April 17, 1955

Albert Kelly, L. U. No. 595
Born November 14, 1889
Initiated August 13, 1942
Died April 14, 1955

Gabriel Rocha, L. U. No. 595
Born March 23, 1912
Initiated May 13, 1943
Died April 16, 1955

Donald D. Litzelfelner, L. U. No. 702
Born April 17, 1937
Initiated November 10, 1952
Died April 21, 1955

Ray Warren, L. U. No. 713
Born April 14, 1905
Initiated February 26, 1953
Died April 1955

Dan W. Tracy, L. U. No. 1141
Born April 7, 1886
Initiated October 2, 1913
Died March 22, 1955

Fay B. Clark, L. U. No. 1245
Reinitiated May 1, 1951
Died April 1955

Henry Peck, L. U. No. 1249
Born February 4, 1892
Initiated October 14, 1942
Died March 31, 1955

Martin C. Hines, L. U. No. 1439
Born May 3, 1891
Initiated February 28, 1946
Died April 22, 1955

George E. Robinson, L. U. No. 1543
Born April 8, 1904
Initiated September 5, 1946
Died March 18, 1955

DUES AND DUTIES

(Reflections of a Local 3 Honor-Member)
My obligations mustn't halt when dues-
payments stop.

Just as life needn't cease when my toils
will end;
I'm honor-bound to my union and intend
to continue

Its bylaws and regulations to uphold
and defend!

I may be dues-exempt, but not duties-ex-
empt.

Fulfilling my pledge of the Initiation's
clause;

To be fair to my fellow-members and
treat 'em with respect,
And be faithful and loyal to our Brother-
hood's cause!

The spirit of Unionism is with me to
stay,

To guide me until my dying day!

(A Bit o' Luck)

AME GLICK,

L. U. 3,

New York, N. Y.

CONFIDENCE

There's a bright new expectation
Creeping down across the nation
That ensuing years will find the world at
peace

Like the golden sun of morning
Spilling out its woolly warming
And a wonder-working magic is released.

Every farmer on his tractor
Feels a rising harvest factor
And the postman starting out from door
to door.

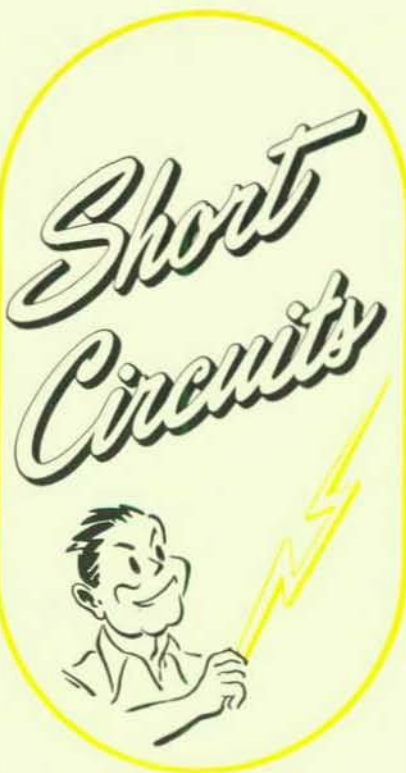
Finds a new, infectious spirit
All folks smile when they get near it.
For they know that life will give them
something more.

Overhead the clouds are clearing
And the songs of birds are cheering
See how freely of her riches nature gives?
It suggests that there above us
God looks down, protects and loves us.
So sing out, rejoice and really start to
live.

D. A. HOOVER,

L. U. 1306,

Decatur, Ill.



THE SUITCASE

In a train-coach a gentleman was seated
with a valise at his side. When the con-
ductor saw the valise he said:

"Mister, please take that suitcase off
the seat."

The traveler who appeared to be Eng-
lish, did not open his mouth.

The conductor on passing the second
time repeated the order, adding, "Sir, if
you do not remove that valise I shall
throw it out the window."

The third time the conductor came pass-
ing through he saw the valise in the same
place. He now became very angry. With-
out saying another word he took the

suitcase and threw it out the train win-
dow.

And, turning around to the English
gentleman he said:

"Now, what have you got to say, sir?"

"I? Why, nothing. That valise does
not belong to me."

TIFFANY,

L. U. 3,

New York, N. Y.

LIFE ALONG THE YUKON

It's springtime and the bluebirds
Are coming from the south,
And the ice has left the river,
From its lakes down to its mouth.
All nature teems with gladness,
And the buds come on the tree
And life along the Yukon
Is good enough for me!

Once again I take my pick and pan
To try my luck once more
And my little canoe, so stout and true
Will nestle near the shore.
And as I paddle up the streams above
Where the gold is sure to be
Life along the Yukon
Is good enough for me.

There's dallies on the hillside
And grazing in the stream
There's plenty of moose and caribou
To make this land a dream.
While the beaver, mink and martin
By the brook rest peacefully
Life along the Yukon
Is good enough for me.

My latch string hangs out the cabin door
For friends who may pass by
And a big bull moose on the cache outside
Is pleasing to the eye.
While my kettle boils o'er a roaring fire
And the smoke it rolls out free
Life along the Yukon
Is good enough for me.

JACK HILL,

L. U. 18,

Los Angeles, Calif.

SHORT CIRCUIT

Short Circuit!
Rather short, and swift to end!
From beginning when we make entrance
Till the day we part my friend.

This world, whatever happiness and worth
We make it, by short circuit trip
As we circle o'er this earth

Our circuit will only be complete,
As perfect circles are
If we watch for passing dangerous smogs
That would its surface mar.

Perhaps to break circumference
Or bend all out of shape
And render circumvention
To a point of rash escape.

It is by traveling slowly, surely
Every mile along the way
For rather short, and swift the trip
"Short circuit" unto the day

We render an account to Him
Who could have thrown the switch
At any point of questioning
Our destination, which
To dim on life's horizon
Just where we cannot know
But, one snag in one tiny arc
We'd go "Short Circuiting" below!

KATHERINE MILLER,
(wife of W. J. Miller),

L. U. 446,

Monroe, La.

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have a change in ad-
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know. Be sure to in-
clude your old address
and please don't for-
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Card No. This infor-
mation will be help-
ful in checking and
keeping our records
straight.

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City Zone State

PRESENT LOCAL UNION NO.....

CARD NO.....

(If unknown — check with Local Union)

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City Zone State

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